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A LIFE SERVICE STORY

They also serve Little Mary Wood

(By Harry Hodges)

About fifty years ago there was gathered in Exeter Hall in London, England, ten thousand people. They had come to listen to two men, one of whom was a preacher and the other a singer.

The singer sat at the rear of the stage and the preacher stood at the front, as he told the following:

"About thirty years ago on a Sunday morning, the superintendent of a certain Sunday School in this city said to the scholars: 'I want each of you to bring a new scholar next Sunday.'

"Little Mary Wood, who is the heroine of this tale, walked home very deeply in thought, wondering whom she might bring, because all the boys and girls whom she knew went to some Sunday School.

"As she rounded a corner, she found two dirty-faced, ragged, bare-footed boys fighting and she was shocked. 'Boys,' she said, 'you are fighting.' They stopped long enough to say, 'Well, what is the matter with you?'

"She replied, 'You are fighting and it is Sunday. It is wrong to fight on any day, especially on Sunday.'

"Again they stopped long enough to say, 'You run along and let us attend to this.'

"But the ladies are persuasive, even when they are young, and Mary engaged them in conversation and finally secured their promise to meet her on that corner on the next Sunday morning and accompany her to Sunday School.

"On the next Sunday morning right proudly did Mary walk to that corner and found—nothing. As her lips began to quiver and the tears of disappointment to well up in her eyes, she heard a strange noise and looking behind her, from whence it came, she saw the boys peeping shame-facedly out of an alley. Their shame was due to the fact that their faces and hands were washed, they wore shoes and stockings, and as a consequence, were so dressed up they were uncomfortable.

"Right stoutly did they say that they were not going to Sunday School, but the feminine persuasive art prevailed, and Mary took them along.

"The superintendent said, 'Boys, I am glad to see you.' The teacher said, 'Boys, we are glad to have you.' The class took them in whole-heartedly and made them share its activities.

"When the man who was telling the story reached that point, he asked, 'Would you like to see those two boys?' The vast audience, as one man answered, 'Yes.'

Beckoning to the man who sat at the rear of the stage to come forward, and said, "We are those boys."

They were Moody and Sankey, the two greatest evangelists of modern times, the one, who by his preaching, and the other, who by his singing, took countless numbers to and through the gate of Heaven, all because a little girl found two ragged, dirty-faced bare-footed boys fighting and took them to Sunday School, believing that she took but two, while through

them in the after years, she took numbers into the Kingdom of Heaven. She was a real home missionary.

The man who sat at the rear of the stage was a writer of hymns and wrote the following four lines of verse to commemorate the event:

Little Mary Wood
Did the very best she could;
Let us follow Mary's plan,
And do the very best we can.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE OF THE AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

The general American synods merged to form the American Lutheran Church this summer. They were the Joint Synod of Ohio, the Iowa Synod and the Buffalo Synod. On August 13, 1930, their young folks united in the Luther League of the American Lutheran Church. They met at Lakeside, Ohio, and nearly 400 delegates and visitors were present. A constitution was adopted providing for Districts corresponding to District Synods with biennial conventions on alternate years to the general biennial convention, an Executive Secretary and dues of 25 cents per member. Other features of the convention acts were a Reading Committee and Literature Committee; provisions for special memberships, life, memorial, etc.; the motto: "With Christ for Christ"; Luther's Coat-of-Arms, the official emblem; Life Service days, a \$5,000 to \$8,000 objective for medical missions in New Guinea and for Home Missions.

The officers elected were: President, Pastor C. A. Wiederanders, Vice-President of the Wartburg League, and pastor in Toledo, Ohio; Vice-President, Mr. Arthur Fritschel, in the legal department of Swift & Co., in Chicago, Ill.; Secretary, Miss Florence Hankammer, Recording Secretary of the General Luther League, from Sandusky, Ohio; Treasurer, Mr. Harold Kapler, in the accounting department of the West Publishing Co., of St. Paul, Minn. An Executive Secretary is yet to be elected. The Luther League of America extends sincere greetings to our sister organization. May God bless every project undertaken and may their leadership experience the joy of serving "With Christ for Christ".

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIPS

The result so far in 1930 is not encouraging to those who must carry the financial worries of the Luther League of America. We budgeted \$6,500 and to October 1st received \$2,876. When we recall that our budget is pared down to the very minimum of efficiency we understand how desperately necessary it is that we raise at least the amount budgeted for Sustaining Memberships. If you personally, and your League as well, have already sent in a Sustaining Membership, why not honor someone with a gift membership? One mother includes a Gift Certificate among the birthday presents for her son. Many Leagues present a membership to their pastor and pastor's wife. The editor was so honored by the North Carolina Summer School. We still have two months to make up for lost time. Can we count on you?

What Wilt Thou Have Me To Do?

LIFE SERVICE OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

(By Mabel Wessell)

The subject which I am to discuss is Life Service of Women in the Church. There is one word in the title that over-shadows all the others; it is the word Service.

Why should we consider giving our lives in service? Those who wish to follow Christ find the answer in His own words, "I am among you as he that serveth."

A good way to begin any discussion is with a definition, if the definition be broad. Dr. Alderman, of the University of Virginia, in an address delivered recently at my Alma Mater, defined service in these words, "Service is losing one's self in something bigger." Keeping this idea in mind, let's turn to our subject of Life Service of Women in the Church, and divide our Subject into two parts.

In the realm of economics we often hear these two phrases, (1) Full time service, and (2) Part time service. Taking them in order, I shall begin with full time service for the Church.

You high school students have all studied Milton's Sonnet On His Blindness. You know that up to the time of the writing of this sonnet, that he had spent his talent most gloriously in service. You can recall the words:

When I consider how my light is spent
Ere half my days in this dark world and wide,
And that one talent which is death to hide
Lodged with me useless, though my soul more bent
To serve therewith my Maker, and present
My true account, lest He, returning, chide;

But it is to the concluding line that I wish to direct your attention:

They also serve who only stand and wait.

I would like to give you an interpretation of those words. It will not be acceptable in a classroom; but it can have a meaning for us at this meeting. You, the members of the Junior Luther League, are in a period of waiting to begin Life Service in the Church. Is waiting necessarily a passive mood, or a time when emotional and physical faculties are asleep? No, I would have you think of waiting as a time of alertness; stretching out toward an objective; a period in which the future colors the present.

Five of the virgins, while awaiting the coming of the bridegroom, trimmed their lamps and filled them with oil. Another Bible story tells us, not of a boy who wandered aimlessly among a crowd, carrying an empty basket on his arm, but a lad in whose basket were loaves and fish. The lad was ready to be of service to the Master.

Waiting, then, may be a period of preparation.

Therefore, as preparation for Life Service, I would have you think about four definite phases of activity for women in the Lutheran Church.

1. The woman missionary and her rich field of service. As you are quite familiar with the work of a missionary, I shall not discuss it. Two missionaries have been connected with our Church, Miss Marie Martens who served in Africa, and Miss Clara Sullivan, who is now in China.

2. The second phase of full time activity is the Deaconess Work. What facts I have gathered may not be accurate in detail, but in a general way they are true. There are three types of Deaconess Work: nursing, teaching, and the service of a Parish Sister. The nursing is done in hospitals and other benevolent in-

stitutions. Teaching is done in the kindergarten or in the week-day religious school. The Parish Sister may do any of these things, as she aids in pastoral offices. She devotes all of her time to service of Christ, and is an inspiration to the entire parish.

A Deaconess receives her training in one of the three Mother Houses of the Lutheran Church, located at Baltimore, Philadelphia and Milwaukee. After six months of probation she becomes a candidate for consecration; this period extends over three years. Although a Deaconess does not take a life vow, she is very likely to give lifetime service. She must wear the garb. She is always under the supervision of the Mother House, returning to it for rest or medical care, finding shelter there in her old age.

Among the studies which the candidate pursues in the Mother House are the Bible, Church History, Catechetics, Educational Psychology, Week Day Religious Education, Life of Christ, Christian Doctrine, Nursing, Choral Music, Ethics, and the Life of Luther. A full schedule for three years, but what splendid equipment for superb service.

3. The Parish Worker has charge of the young people's work and the Light Brigade. She helps with the plans of the Sunday School, teaching on Sunday and in the weekday school.

Her training is received in a two years' course at the Mother House. The studies are similar to those of a Deaconess, but are not as extensive in range. The Parish Worker does not wear a garb.

4. The Church Secretary can take a special one year's course at a Mother House. Typewriting and stenography are included among her studies. The cost of training is small. The reward in happiness in Christian service is large.

Now let us find out something about part time service. Whether you elect a profession or a business career, there is no reason why you should not give definite, constructive, efficient part time service to the Church. Your hearty co-operation is needed in all of its organizations—the Luther League, the choir, the Sunday School, and the Light Brigade.

During your period of preparation, as you wait to go forward, I ask you to give prayerful consideration to the deep and abiding joy of full time service. I hope that you will not lose sight of the importance of part time service.

Having glanced at what can be done by women, let us look back for a moment and see what has been done by women. I want to say here that you have a right to be glad of your womanhood, for women have ever been zealous in serving the Master from the breaking of the alabaster box unto the present day.

Inspiration comes to us from the women who have "lost themselves in something bigger". There was a woman living about 900 B. C. who's service was such that she is the only woman the Bible calls "great". Her story is found in the fourth chapter of II Kings. In the early Church, Priscilla, Dorcas and Lydia stand forth.

Do you know of any one who has rendered finer Christian service than that given by the late Mrs. Cronk? Who could offer greater inspiration than Dr. Anna

Kugler, who is using her great talent to serve her Maker and present her true account?

I have tried to tell you something of what is being done in service in the present, and what has been done in the past, and now what is to be done in the future. This future is yours. You girls are marvellously endowed for Life Service in your Church. Heredity, environment, are both on your side. 1. You come from Christian homes, your parents are serving in this congregation. 2. You received training, with catechetical instruction, attended Sunday School, Luther League, public school; all of these tend to fit you for efficient service. Furthermore, your parents are able and willing to give you any special training along lines of Life Service which you may desire. The responsibility is yours. Take the talents which the Lord has given you and make your soul more bent to serve therewith your Master, and present your true account.

In this congregation are women who can lead devotional services or give talks which have the power to stir spiritual depths. There are other women who, when they lead in prayer, draw their hearers very close to God. Surely such power is the reward of years of consecrated service. Their first efforts must have been feeble and halting. Don't be afraid to make a beginning! Opportunities will come—will you be prepared to serve?

The reward for Life Service is given in the story of the last judgment as told by Matthew in the 25th chapter of his gospel.

Hear the question: "When saw we Thee enhungered and fed Thee, or thirsty and gave Thee drink?" The answer is unmistakably clear: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." At the close of the story we find that the righteous go into life eternal.

In conclusion, I want to read a poem to you. The author shows us that there is an opportunity for service. The only thing lacking is the will to serve.

This is the story that Edward Rowland Sill tells in his poem "Opportunity": During a fierce battle two characters attract your attention, one is a coward, the other a prince. The coward has a sword with which he could fight bravely, but believing that the prince had a finer weapon, the coward discards his sword and leaves the field. Later, the prince, now weaponless, takes the discarded sword and with it wins a victory.

OPPORTUNITY

This I beheld, or dreamed it in a dream:
There spread a cloud of dust along a plain;
And underneath the cloud, or in it, raged
A furious battle, and men yelled, and swords
Shocked upon swords and shields. A prince's banner
Wavered, then staggered back, hemmed by foes.
A craven hung along the battle's edge,
And thought, "Had I a sword of keener steel—
That blue blade that the king's son bears—but this
Blunt thing!" he snapt and flung it from his hand,
And lowering crept away and left the field.
Then came the king's son, wounded, sore bestead,
And weaponless, and saw the broken sword,
Hilt-buried in the dry and trodden sand,
And ran and snatched it, and with battle-shout
Lifted afresh he hewed his enemy down,
And saved a great cause that heroic day.

APOLOGY

The splendid poem appearing last month credited from People's Luther League News, was written by Carolena Nolde Stoner and can be obtained from the Junior Department.

TOPIC HELPS

Three separate treatments of the Senior topics are available for the leader. Dr. Roehner's page in The Lutheran, the Topics Quarterly, edited by Dr. C. P. Harry, and the "Review". The leader should have all three and then select that which will make up a program adapted to the local.

"JUNIOR DAY"

Saturday, November 8, is "Junior Day", our third annual observance of Nation-Wide Junior Rally Day.

On that day:

1. Junior rallies are to be held in all parts of the Luther League of America. Thousands of Juniors will rally together, and a similar program will be given at each rally.

2. Junior District organizations are to be formed, with Junior officers, where there are none as yet.

3. Where local Junior Leagues cannot take part in a joint rally, the program is to be given for the local congregation on Sunday evening, November 9.

4. Those Senior Leagues without a Junior Department are to consider at their meeting on November 9 the organization of a Junior League.

This is the Seniors' chance to help along the Juniors.

SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR "JUNIOR DAY"

November 8th

Processional: The Junior Rally Hymn

Worship: Hymn, Psalm, Prayer—Three Juniors

Welcome: Junior President

The Bible

"Books of the Bible"—Exercise: Group of Juniors
Daily Bible Reading: Talk by a Junior

The Church

Pantomime: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"—Group of Juniors

Missions

Hymn: "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"
Talk on "Sugar Is Sweet" by a Junior
"The Porto Rico Training School": Talk by a Junior
"Our South America Kindergarten": Talk by a Junior
"New Mission Study Books We Will Study": Talk by a Junior
Hymn: "The World Children for Jesus"—by the Little Leaguers

Luther

Story of Luther told by a Junior

Luther League

"The Luther League Motto": Recited by a Junior
"Our Junior League Aims": Group of Juniors
"Our Luther League Emblem": Group of Juniors
"The Junior Reading Course": Talk by a Junior
Talk: "The Little Leaguers"—by a Junior
Hymn: "Away In a Manger"—by the Little Leaguers
"What the Junior League Is": Talk by a Junior
"What the Juniors Did Last Year": Talk by a Junior
Closing remarks by pastor
Prayer
Benediction

(The State and District Secretaries have been sent this program in complete form. If the local Leagues wish to give this and would like all the material, the superintendent should write to her Junior Secretary for same.)

ILLINOIS DISCUSSES FINANCE

(By Paul C. White,

President of the Luther League of the Illinois Synod)

One of the ever-present problems in regard to Luther League work centers in its finances. Ordinarily it is much more pleasant to avoid the issue of proper financing the League, and run on a rather haphazard basis than to face the problem and think it through.

In the annual State Convention, held at Sterling, Illinois, May 9-11, the problem was raised and thoroughly discussed. We pass our experience on to the fellow Leaguers of other States.

Do you have a Treasurer, and what are his duties? Should the local League have an annual budget drawn up? Who should draw it up and adopt it? Does the church appropriate funds from its budget to be used in local League work? Should the church support the League financially? What ways of securing funds are our Leagues using? What special projects do the Leagues support financially? These and many other questions present themselves as we think of the financial problem. We turn to the composite judgment of thirty Illinois League Treasurers, or their representatives, to share their experience, in order that we might be able to answer some of these puzzling questions adequately.

Who Is Responsible for the Finances?

In this study, each Luther League reported that it had a Treasurer. Further, each League reported that it felt the need of a Treasurer. Shall the small as well as the large League have a Treasurer? In our study, the League membership ranged from 8 to 100. In each case a Treasurer was reported. This means that regardless of the size of the organization, some one person should be responsible for the finances.

The Treasurer is confronted with a variety of tasks. His task, however, is mainly to keep the financial records, receive all cash, and pay all of the bills. Yet this is not all that he is to do. In various situations he is called upon to collect the dues, to keep a record of all dues paid, to issue statements for the dues, to approve the bills for payment, to act on the Executive Committee (which he should always do), to give reports to the League, and to suggest methods and ways of making money. From the study of the present practice in young people's organizations, there are three distinct tasks that belong to the office of the Treasurer: (1) He shall receive all funds; (2) He shall pay all of the bills; (3) He shall keep a complete financial record and report the same to the League.

The matter of who shall approve the bills for payment shows a variety of methods. Shall the Treasurer, the President, the Executive Committee, the League as a body, or some one else be responsible for the approval of bills to be paid? The Treasurers give a variety of methods used in present practice. The following table will show the individuals responsible for approving the bills and the frequency of mention.

Those responsible for approval of bills:

	No. of Leagues
League as a body	12
President of the League	6
Treasurer of the League	6
President and Treasurer	3
Executive Committee	2
Pastor and Treasurer	2
Pastor and Executive Committee	1
Treasurer and League	1
The Pastor alone	1
No one	1

While perhaps this problem is not acute, yet responsibility for the approving of bills to be paid should be definitely placed. The size of the local League, the amount of funds spent, and the financial policy of the church are all vital factors which must be taken into account at this point. In general, from our facts, it appears that the entire League, the President, the Treasurer and the Executive Committee are the ones given this responsibility. As we view our facts, it appears that the pastor alone is not the proper individual for this office. The pastor and the Treasurer do not seem to fit the requirements. Should the League as a body vote on all bills? It appears that this method is cumbersome for many small bills will clutter up a meeting.

In general, we may say that from present practice and past experience, the President of the League should be empowered with the responsibility for seeing that the small running bills are paid, without referring them to the whole League body. Bills of a "policy" nature or of a questionable type should be referred to the Executive Committee, and from there if necessary to the League as a whole. If the League is small and funds limited, all bills may be presented to the League as a whole. We are defending two propositions at this point: (1) that responsibility be definitely placed for the approving of all bills; (2) that the Treasurer keep "respectable" records of all incomes and expenditures.

Shall the Organization Have a Budget?

At this point, in regard to present practice, an almost unanimous attitude in regard to the matter of an annual budget prevails. Ninety per cent of our young people's organizations have no annual budget. This means that only ten per cent of the Illinois State Leagues draw up an annual budget. It is most alarming that no attempt, in any organized manner, is made to outline the financial program for the year.

If we understand rightly, a budget is an intelligent guess as to the expected incomes and expenditures. This means that the League shall set up for itself certain financial goals, and shall plan certain ways for the gaining of the funds to meet these goals. Such a procedure might become exceedingly valuable in the carrying out of a program. We ask our correspondents: Should your League have an annual budget? Is there any need for one? The following table gives the facts. Shall your League draw up a budget?

	No. of Leagues
We do not need a budget	12
We need an annual budget	10
We do not know	8

We feel that Lutheran young people are seeking aid at just this point. What is your answer to this question as members of the great church family? Should your young people attempt to draw up an annual budget? Is it sound procedure?

The Church Treasury and League Support

In the field of church organization and administration (if we are correct), the best minds of the day expound the theory that for an adequate young people's program the local church must give financial support to its local League. The feeling is that we should not expect our young people to support and finance their own program. It is pointed out that the public school system, the church college, the Y. M. C. A., and such other young people's organizations, secure funds from other sources than from those who are to benefit from

the program. In other words, if the local church is to have an adequate program for young people, it must support this program. We turn to our young people for their judgment.

Not a single League of the thirty studied has received support in a financial way from the church. This means that each League is fully self-supporting. Do the Leaguers feel it necessary to be placed on the church budget? The unanimous answer is, No.

The Senior young people's organization neither receive funds nor desire funds from the church at the present time. Does this mean, then, that the church has no responsibility? This matter must be placed on a basis of local need. When expansion of the local young people's work demands new equipment, added features to the program, and part or full time parish workers, the church must come forward to aid her young people. To say that the church at present is doing nothing is wrong. To say that she has a tremendous responsibility when need demands, is to place responsibility where it rightfully belongs. May we say that as long as an adequate program can be carried out by the young people themselves, it would be a mistake to interfere. Local conditions must rule at this point.

How May Funds Be Secured?

A number of unique and suggestive methods are given by our correspondents for securing funds. One says, "We find League plays and socials our greatest source of finance." Another says, "We use no special affairs for raising money, only voluntary contributions." Still another writes, "Each Leaguer does his part and we always get what we need to carry along what work we undertake." A small Illinois League reports, "We take up a free-will offering at each devotional meeting and we have a campaign selling The Lutheran." Another says, "We secure the largest amount of funds by giving plays, free-will offerings and luncheon dues."

A number of methods for securing funds are used. We present them in the following table, as suggestive devices to be used if desired in the local League.

We secure funds through:

	No. of Leagues
Free-will offerings	21
Annual League plays	17
Socials and parties	14
Special entertainments	13
Annual dues	13
Candy sales	10
Food sales	7
Luncheon fees	7
Calendar sales	4
Sale of Christmas cards	3
Subscriptions to The Lutheran	2
Dances	2
Card parties	1
Bazaars	1
Benefit movies	1
Church banquets	1
Special donations	1
Pancake suppers	1
Special services	1

No attempt is made to defend or attack any of these suggestive devices for securing funds. There are three principles which may be applied to these methods of securing funds: (1) Is there anything "wrong" in the activity itself? (2) Will it command the co-operation of approximately the entire League? (3) Will it bring the desired result? If these three questions can be answered satisfactorily, the activity may be used.

What May Young People Do With Funds?

The question of vital interest is in regard to the uses to be made of the funds. Again we find an array

of answers to our query. One writer says, "We have supported the Porto Rico fund and distributed Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets in the vicinity of the church, both from free-will offerings." Another writes, "We have supported a boy at Nachusa Orphanage for the last five or seven years." Yet another says, "We aid in the entertaining of the Carthage a-Capella Choir." Another says, "Our League has helped to support a foreign missionary in India, to the amount annually of \$150, who is supported by our church." Still another states, "Our League has presented the church with two beautiful sets of altar cloths." Another writes, "We support student work at the University of Illinois." And finally, one League reports, "We bought equipment for our church gymnasium." The following table is highly suggestive in regard to worthy objects of support by the local Leagues.

We have given financial gifts to:

	No. of Leagues
State and National League	30
Porto Rico Fund	24
Church buildings funds	11
Foreign Missions	9
Nachusa Orphanage	9
Poor people (local)	9
Church equipment	9
Church decorating	5
Inner Mission Society (Chicago)	4
Chaplain St. Claire (Speedway Hospital)	3
Local church treasury	3
Luther League Sustaining Membership	3
Tabitha Home (Lincoln, Nebr.)	1
Carthage College	1
Parsonage fund	1
Christmas baskets	1

As we view our facts, we notice three outstanding points in regard to present practice in young people giving: 1. The young people of the church are vitally interested in the welfare of the local church, and they support the activities of the church through their organization. 2. The young people of the church appear to be missionary in spirit, supporting inner missions, home missions and foreign missions. 3. The young people of the church are "service" minded, aiding the poor and needy, the orphans in our Lutheran orphanages, colleges and our chaplain at Speedway Hospital.

What, Then, Shall We Say?

From the facts given us, we may say with some degree of assurance:

1. Each local League should have its Treasurer, with responsibility definitely placed for the approval of bills to be paid. The President and the Executive Committee may care largely for this.

2. Each local League, regardless of size, should attempt to draw up a budget in the light of past expenditures and future expectations.

3. The League, at present, supports the church financially, rather than the church supporting the League. This shows a splendid, wholesome attitude on the part of the young people to their church. As need arises, the church must support her young people and their work.

4. A variety of methods are used for securing funds for the organization. Think together co-operatively, asking: (1) Are our methods right? (2) Do they command co-operation? (3) Do they secure the desired results? If these can be answered in the affirmative, use them. If not, look for new and better methods. Be sure all methods for raising money are Christian.

5. Through its funds the Luther League is demonstrating, unquestionably, that it is supporting the work

of its local church and the larger program of the church in general. "Christian service" appears to be the basis.

6. Finally, the church is asked to aid in studying and understanding the work of her young people. The church must stand behind the program if it is to move forward. She must co-operate in the future as she has in the past. Financing the League is but a small part of the program. It is a means to an end. Our correspondents have outlined for us a type of financial program. I ask, are their suggestions sound? What is the financial program of your League for the year? Is it sound? "Our Father's business" demands our best.

YOUR LETTER

A PERSONAL LETTER

Dear Folks:

After I had written the word "personal" I recalled that very ancient interpretation that many a solicitor for funds has used, "Personal consecration is purse-and-all consecration." Since most of our trouble is little cash the subject naturally slips into our first paragraph. The Luther League is just now very much in need of purse-and-all consecration. What you want to do and can do, please do quickly.

"Consecrated Leadership" is the title of my third little volume written for our Luther League young folks and printed by the United Lutheran Publication House. Mr. Hultberg, the general manager of the United Lutheran Publication House, has been most kind to take the venture of publication for such an uncertain field. I am only happy to know that the United Lutheran Publication House is being repaid by a satisfactory sale of the books. I have believed that our young folks would read religious books if they were published for them. "Consecrated Leadership" presents the principles of leadership in the Church and its organizations. It may be read personally or studied in groups. It will be out probably this month.

I have been happy to know how well our special representatives have been received this year at conventions. It was impossible for the General Secretaries to go to many of the State and Synodical Conventions and Summer Schools. John George Kurzenknabe was almost killed with kindness. Rudy Schulz was at Wisconsin and Wausee. Rev. Harold Miller was at Newberry, S. C., and Al Schaediger at Massanetta Springs, Va.

Dr. Teufel was at Winston-Salem, N. C., Miss May Scherer at Florida and Miss Eva Peeler at the South Carolina Convention. "Many hands make light work." The addition of many experienced Luther League speakers will mean much to the League.

The Eastern Region, over which Miss Ethel Tussing was Secretary, is now a synodical matter and under direction of their Committee on Work with Young People. It is a move in the right direction. The Luther League of America is an agency of the Church. The Committee on Associations of Young People, of which Dr. H. C. Roehner is chairman, is the contact body between the United Lutheran Church and League. Our Secretaries are members of the Secretaries' Conference and share in the visitations of synods. The minutes of the United Lutheran Church for 1928 offers a plan of relationship between a synod and its Synodical League

which is worth consideration. It is in the report of the Committee on Associations of Young People. Eventually all State Leagues will become synodical auxiliaries.

Splendid tributes were paid recently to Charles Fuhr and Dr. E. F. Eilert in The Lutheran. Luther Leaguers owe a debt of gratitude to the editor of The Lutheran for giving space generously for recognition of Luther League leaders past and present. Dr. Eilert was the first editor of the Review and at one time President of the Luther League of America. For many years he carried the Review about alone, publishing it in his own plant. Charlie Fuhr has made Pittsburgh District one of the best bits of League territory anywhere. His special interest has been Junior work and next to Miss Mehlhouse herself, no one has done more for its development, cheerfully adding the treasurership of the Luther League of America to many other duties is characteristic.

Thanksgiving month is already with us. Now all in unison: "How time flies!" Yes, it is hard to realize that as I write this letter I am about to pass the eighteenth anniversary of my ordination in the First Lutheran Church of Syracuse, N. Y. And the first of the year will mark my fifth anniversary as General Secretary. Well, and again well, if I couldn't look up from my desk to see my wife, I would think I must be getting old.

But I have run off the track like an old man reminiscing. I started to speak of Thanksgiving.

"Count your blessings,
Name them one by one;
Count your many blessings,
See what God hath done."

Faithfully,

Amos John Traver

WHAT IS THE JUNIOR LUTHER LEAGUE?

The Junior Luther League

- is the Junior Department of the Luther League of America.
- cares for the children twelve and under.
- holds regular weekly devotional meetings.
- uses the Junior topics in the Luther League Review.
- has a Junior topics booklet—the Junior Helper.
- has a handbook of leaflets (about 60) providing extra programs, exercises, drills, etc.
- trains the children in the Bible, the work of the church, missions, the story of Luther, and the work of the Luther League.
- correlates the missionary work with the Light Brigade by using the Light Brigade program as the first program of each month.
- has a special program for the little folks under eight—"Programs for the Little Leaguers".
- trains for the Intermediate and Senior Leagues and the work of the church by teaching the children to conduct their own meetings, serve as officers, and carry on District activities.
- is the training school of the church—from the ranks of the Juniors will come the future church workers, pastors, missionaries, deaconesses.

NOW MY HOBBY IS THIS

(By Uncle Bim)

Interest in hobbies presented in this column is rapidly showing itself. Many Leagues and Leaguers are inquiring about the stamp hobby, the photo hobby and the S. M. B. T. hobby. Contributions of stamps are slowly reaching ye columnist. One contributor from Chicago has sent in two batches without declaring his or her identity. We thank said person, even if that person is Al Capone. Several Intermediate boys of Gethsemane League, Indianapolis, Ind., have ventured a guess on the number of safety match box tops in ye editor's album. One guess was near the mark and unless some other Leaguer comes nearer the number by Christmas, 1930, I'll award the prize to Rev. Albert's boy. No one to date has contended for the photograph prize. So goes the interest within the family.

But far outside the League circles an interest in the stamp hobby has asserted itself in a very concrete form. Mr. Max Zobel, of New York City, a member of the same national stamp club with your Uncle Bim, learned through the Emco Stamp Firm, of Toronto, Canada, that I was promoting the stamp hobby among my boys and girls. Mr. Zobel sent me an interesting bit of postage stamp history, which appears herewith.

"A most interesting and fascinating hobby is stamp collecting. It is pursued over all the entire civilized world by young and old to be both educational and profitable. Well-known doctors, it has been said, advise their patients to adopt the hobby of stamp collecting when suffering from nervous disorders. For instance, let us take the case of King George of England. As a boy he collected stamps, but when he grew older he abandoned the hobby. During the World War his physician advised him to resume the hobby of his youth as an aid in overcoming a condition of nervousness. King George acted upon the suggestion and found it helpful indeed. Today King George holds one of the world's greatest collections of postage stamps.

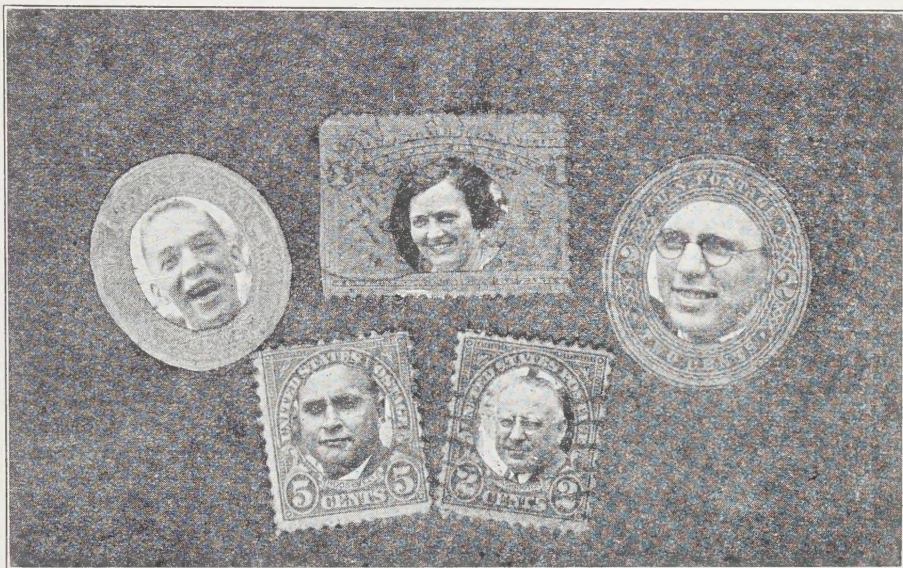
"In 1840, Great Britain issued the first postage stamp. It was printed in black on white adhesive paper and bore the picture of the youthful Queen Victoria. Since then the postage stamp idea grew rapidly to large proportions. Today the gamut of human emotion and endeavor are found represented upon postage stamps.

"Postage stamps reveal and suggest the history of nations. For instance, in 1775 the battles of Lexington and Concord were fought. In 1925 the United States Government issued three stamps commemorating those events. In 1776 the battle of White Plains, N. Y., was fought. In 1926 the U. S. Government issued a two cent

stamp upon which that battle is represented. And in 1429 Joan of Arc rode into Orleans. In 1929 France issued a stamp illustrating that famous historic episode."

A League Postage Stamp Membership Picture

Not all Leaguers or Leagues take up the stamp hobby, but all Leaguers and Leagues can have an enjoyable evening making a Postage Stamp Membership Picture. Here's how it is done. First secure cancelled stamps of different denominations. You will need a stamp for each member. Next cut out the center of the stamps with a sharp safety razor blade. Then take a small snapshot picture of each member and paste behind the stamps. Then glue stamps artistically on a piece of black paper or black cardboard. And finally frame and hang up. The cut appearing below shows you how.



REAL LUTHER LEAGUE VALUE BEHIND ELEVEN CENTS

John George smiles though with but a penny,
And so does the Chicago maid named Minnie;
Uncle Amos joins them a la two penny,
But Clarence frowns in place of "Teddy".
And Harry goes him one better less three penny.

—Anonym us

Another Stamp Project for the League

Another pleasant endeavor for the League in connection with the stamp game is in the assortment of stamps from countries the world over into groups. Most countries picture their great men and women, their national animal or flower, historical events, buildings, scenes, etc., on stamps. Gather together hundreds of stamps. Devote a week-day evening to assorting the stamps in "ruler groups", "lady groups", "building groups", etc. Place the several groups on separate pages in a loose-leaf album, using hinges (not glue). Continue to add other stamps to their respective classes. Next, delegate several members to each group of stamps for the purpose of learning all they possibly can about what is represented thereon. At a later time receive the reports of these several delegations. Ask questions. What you can learn from postage stamps can't be put on a stamp, that's sure.

Finally, for this time let me again call your attention to the wonderful packets of stamps on sale at Luther League Headquarters. Send for a price list.

WHAT? WHY? WHO? WHEN? DON'T WORRY—ASK UNCLE AMOS

Is the Luther League older than the Christian Endeavor?

No. Christian Endeavor, 1885; Luther League, 1895. See "History In Brief", by Harry Hodges, or "The Youth Movement In the American Lutheran Church", by Gerald Jenny.

Why don't you have an order for initiation of new members as other organizations have?

We do. Send for "Order for the Reception of Members".

How is the campaign for ten per cent increase in membership progressing?

We are unable to check up at General Headquarters, but our Personal Evangelism for Membership Packet has gone out in large quantities.

Settle this argument! A friend says that the money given by the Women's Missionary Society in a congregation is for special work and ought not to be taken away from the regular church budget. He says we should pay the church apportionment first and then if there is money over, send to objectives like the W. M. A. and the Luther League Training School in Porto Rico. I think he is wrong, but I can't make him see it.

Yes, this is a live argument these days. Every cent paid through the W. M. A. goes to support the missionary work of the United Lutheran Church. Actually one-third of the amount paid out by the Foreign Mission Board comes from the Women's Missionary Society. In other words, the Church would simply have to increase its apportionment to cover items now paid for by the Women's Missionary Society if it did not have this splendid organization at work. The Luther League never takes any objective until the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church has approved it as a part of the necessary program of the Church. The Board of American Missions has had the site in Porto Rico for the Training School and sooner or later would have had to build if the missionary program is to be carried out in Porto Rico. This means that within a very few years, perhaps this year, the American Board would have had to take funds contributed through the apportionment to build it. The Luther League in building it simply lowers the necessary apportionment by \$25,000. In addition, the young folks of the United Lutheran

Church have the joy of doing something of their very own for the winning of Porto Rico to Christ. It should also be remembered that the women and young folks who give through their organizations will be discovered to be almost one hundred per cent giving their apportionment or more through the regular treasury of the congregation. Argue it out with your friend—"you have right".

OUR JUNIOR LEAGUE "SPECIALS"

There are no dues for the Juniors—each local Junior League does as it chooses with its funds. The following are the Juniors' special work, and most of the Junior Leagues are helping in these causes:

1. **Porto Rico.** The Juniors are helping in the Porto Rico objective, the erection of a Training School in Porto Rico. At the end of a year they oversubscribed their quota of \$500, having given \$800. There are ten or more Junior Leagues in Porto Rico, and the Juniors through the Good Neighbor Club are sending letters and gifts to these Juniors.

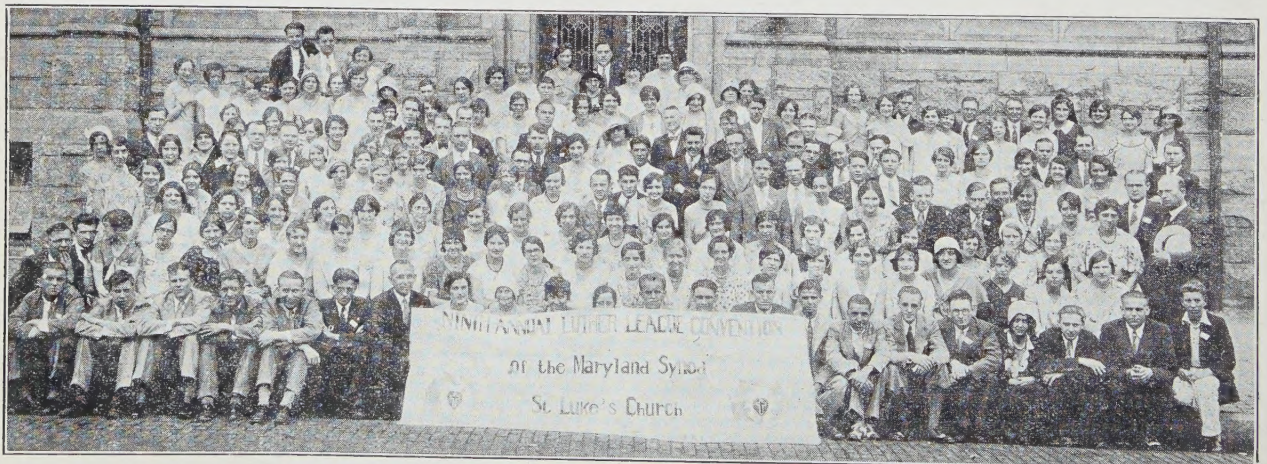
2. **South America.** The Juniors contributed \$500 to the South America objective in the last biennium, and this in a trust fund is being used toward the support of the Kindergarten at Buenos Aires. Now we are endeavoring to support this entirely at a cost of \$300 for the year, each Junior League contributing at least \$1.00.

3. **India.** There are a dozen or more Junior Leagues in India, and the Juniors are helping these Juniors. Special gifts at Christmas time will go to the India Junior Leagues.

4. **Inner and Home Missions.** The Juniors are not forgetting the work at home and many of them are helping our orphan homes, our Jewish, Slovak and Italian settlements, the work at Rocky Boy Indian Mission, the Konnarock School, and similar work, selecting the one nearest.

5. **Sustaining Membership.** The Juniors are nobly helping along our Sustaining Membership Fund. Memberships are for the League, for the superintendent, in the name of the pastor, and contributing memberships from the Juniors themselves are helping along the work.

(Make a large chart for your Junior meeting on "Junior Day", and for your Junior room afterward. A picture of Juniors at the top, or the Luther League Emblem and five pieces of ribbon in the Luther League colors fastened from the picture or emblem to the lower part of the card. Pictures of Porto Rico, South America, India, the institution or home nearest you in which you are interested and a Sustaining Membership blank are fastened to ends of ribbon.)



Ninth Annual Convention, Luther League of Maryland Synod, held at Cumberland, Maryland, September 1, 1930



North Carolina Convention, Winston-Salem

Names all news. Read what the rest of the family is doing!

NEBRASKA

The District Luther League of the German Nebraska Synod held its convention June 12 at St. Paul's Church, Emerson, Nebr., Rev. Hugo Welchert, pastor. The convention theme was "Bringing Our Youth Closer to Christ".

OKLAHOMA

The Luther League at our church in Oklahoma City is only a few months old but they have an average attendance of 45 each Sunday with new faces to be seen practically every Sunday night. They took charge of the Vesper Service one evening recently with splendid success.

PENNSYLVANIA

Harrisburg District rallied September 23rd at Trinity, Lemoyne, with Rev. John J. Weaver of Penbrook as speaker. The East section of the District met on the 25th at St. Peter's, Highspire, with Rev. L. W. Klinefelter as speaker. October 24th was set for the District banquet in Memorial Church, Harrisburg.

November 25th is the date set for the Tri-District Rally, comprising the York, Lancaster and Harrisburg Districts, at Memorial, Harrisburg.

Two Departmental Secretaries' Conferences were held this fall, one in Pittsburgh, October 4, and the other in Reading, October 18, for convenient transportation. These gatherings of Local and District Departmental Secretaries are most important and will mean much to future efficiency.

Lancaster District had their annual Workers' Dinner in October. November 8th is the date set for the Lancaster District Convention, in St. Paul's, Lititz. The theme is "Serving Christ". Rev. A. L. Benner, of Grace, Lancaster, will bring the message to the morning session and Rev. E. Martin Grove, of Bethlehem, Harrisburg, will address the evening session. Rev. Chas. Holland, of Zion, Marietta, is the District Chaplain and will be in charge of opening devotionals and Rev. W. R. Samuel, pastor loci will lead the memorial service for departed Leaguers. The open forum at the afternoon session will be in charge of Mr. Martin Ruoss, one of our students in training at Muhlenberg College.

The second annual conference of the seventeen District Presidents and the officers and all Departmental Secretaries of the Luther League of Pennsylvania, will be held in the Penn-Harris Hotel, Harrisburg, from Friday night to Sunday night, October 24 to 26. The expenses of the conference are pooled together, the State paying one-half of the costs and each of the seventeen Districts paying one-seventeenth of the other half. The full program of the State and National Leagues will be discussed and the working plans of the State League consummated.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Luther League of St. John's, Centre Square, it was the plan to have our anniversary service in November. In conjunction with this, the committee, having been appointed, plan to have slides or a lecture of some sort, concerning the Porto Rican Project, since it is the Luther League objective for this year as well as next.

We also had the honor of the presence of Mr. Cecil C. King, of Norristown, B-M-C District President. He spoke to us and gave us a very interesting report of the Greensburg Convention. He also gave us a profitable talk based on the letters of the word "Pearl". Our Juniors were invited to be the Seniors' guests that evening.

The Upper Lehigh Valley District Luther League held its first fall rally at Summit Hill in St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Wednesday evening, September 24, at 7:30. Rev. J. R. Shuster, of St. John's, was the speaker of the evening.

MICHIGAN

The Michigan Synodical Luther League celebrated its fifth anniversary at its annual State Convention held at Syracuse, Indiana, July 14th and 15th. Only five years old, but we feel we have made wonderful progress during that short period of time.

We had the pleasure of receiving into our midst six new Senior Leagues, four Intermediate and four Junior Leagues. We were especially happy to think that one of the new Senior Leagues was that of Trinity, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. The Michigan Synodical League welcomes you, Trinity, Windsor, Luther Leaguers, and as a member of the Detroit District, I wish to extend from them, too, a hearty welcome. You are one of us, and we want you to feel at home. Come across the river at the next Detroit District rally and let us prove to you that we are proud to have you with us.

Our Missionary Secretary reported about half of our quota for the Porto Rican objective was in. Some Leagues have paid part of their subscription; some have over-paid; a few have not paid

any, but they will. Just have a ringside seat and watch Michigan go over the top.

We were so happy to have Rev. Otterbein with us again. He came all the way from Chicago to tell us we were the first in his territory to over-subscribe our Sustaining Membership. We thank you, Rev. Otterbein, for coming. We feel we could hardly have a successful convention without you, and that is not applesauce, either. It is the opinion of the entire Michigan Luther League.

Our dues are paid in full for 1930 and we voted to have our 1931 dues paid by January, 1931. We can do it, too, for our splendid State Treasurer, Harold Sundberg, has some sort of magnetic power he uses, and the dollars have no rest until they are safely accredited on his efficient records.

It's great fun to have surprises, especially birthday surprises, and the Michigan Synod Luther League had a big one for their President, Rev. G. C. Goering. We are so glad he saw the need of organizing a Luther League in the Michigan Synod. For five years he has given his unselfish, untiring service to the Luther League, and the Michigan Synodical Leaguers cannot begin to express their appreciation to him. What could be more fitting than to present to him the emblem of the Luther League America? He has been the captain of our ship for five years, and we realize the work and effort it has taken to keep the ship from sinking or being torn apart. You have helped us to start building, Rev. Goering. You have helped make us a part of a great, large family. We know and we feel what you have done for us, and we are truly grateful to you. The Michigan Synodical Luther Leaguers are going to help you keep on building.

Let me say here for those who don't know it. Part of Indiana belongs to the Michigan Synod, and to them goes a great deal of credit for what has been accomplished. So when Michigan Leaguers are mentioned, it also includes Indiana. I think we should call it the Michi-Ana, or the Ind-Michi, or something, so that folks would know we belong together. Uncle Bim, I think you have four registered Intermediate Leagues of Indiana that belong to the Michigan Synod. Please add them to our score, we need them so much.



Group of Delegates to Michigan Synod Luther League Convention, Held at Syracuse, Indiana, July 13, 14, 1930

We were certainly fortunate in having so many distinguished guests at our convention this summer. One that will be remembered for a long, long time was Rev. Rudolph Schulz. Over two hundred Luther Leaguers and their friends sat spellbound while he pictured to us "The Man Ahead You Ought to Know". He made us visualize ourselves in the future, and if we did not see ourselves as the man we would like to see, I feel I am safe in saying each individual made a silent promise to himself to live from now on so we would not be ashamed of the "man ahead". Rev. Schulz was with us for a week. Every day for an hour he discussed the various problems of the Luther League. We are looking forward to next year when we hope to have him with us again. We learned something else about Rudy, too. He wants it kept a secret, so I hope no one tells what I told. A woman cannot keep a secret anyhow, so here goes. Rudy can sing. Yes siree, he sure can. You don't need to take my word for it either, but the next time you see him



Michigan Synod Luther League Officers, elected at Syracuse, Indiana, July 13, 14, 1930. Left to right—Harold Sundberg, Battle Creek, Mich., Treasurer; Jane Gunderman, Flint, Mich., Corresponding Secretary; Rev. G. C. Goering, Middlebury, Ind., President; Ruth H. Lindstrom, Detroit, Mich., Recording Secretary; Carl R. Oldenburg, Detroit, Mich., Vice-President.

just ask him to sing his favorite song. I think the title is "My Mother Uses Ivory Soap", it's something about Ivory soap anyhow. There is only one thing we want you to do, Rudy, next year when you come to Michigan, and that is—bring Her with you. It really made us sad when we saw you looking so longingly toward Ohio, and sing those haunting, heart-rendering melodies. I am sure she heard you.

We are looking forward to bringing our full representation to the Reading Convention in 1931. Next July when you see the "Big Parade" coming down the pike, don't think there is a gold rush somewhere in the Keystone State, for it will only be Michigan coming to invite the Luther League of America to Detroit in 1933. So long until we see you at Reading in 1931.

OHIO

Central Conference met in St. Paul's, Mansfield, August 31-September 1, with the theme "Vision". Dr. Hackenberg lectured on "A Tour of the Holy Land", giving the story of his recent visit. Miss Elizabeth Roemer reported the Lakeside convention. Others taking part were Elmer Lehman and Secretary Schulz.

Born, to Rev. and Mrs. Carl Satre, Lena, Illinois, a daughter, Mary Catherine. Rev. Satre was formerly Executive Secretary of the Ohio Luther League and is now pastor of the Lutheran Church at Lena.

Born, to Rudolph and Beulah Helm, Toledo, a daughter, Nancy Lou, on July 10. Mr. Helm served a number of years as President of the Western District League, and Mrs. Helm is a member of the Executive Committee of the State Luther League.

Congratulations!

October 24, 25, Southern District met at Westwood, Dayton, with Rev. F. W. Otterbein, of Chicago, as speaker. The theme was "The Quest of Life". Their publicity at Lakeside under direction of Pastor Pospesl was great!

MINNESOTA

Miss Fox, Missionary Secretary, writes the following story of the new missionary project for the Extender. Such a challenge will surely be met in Minnesota!

"For several years Synod has supported a field missionary in Hiles, Wis., a little lumbering mill town. Three years ago the Luther League of Minnesota loaned the people of the Hiles congregation \$1,000 so that they could erect a church building in which to hold their services. Last summer their pastor resigned and the members endeavored to keep up the Sunday School. Then the superintendent was proved to be guilty of 'gross immoralities', was arrested and imprisoned. This broke the spirit of the church people so completely that practically no efforts have been made since to hold any services.

"The need for church and Sunday School services is very great, and, upon request of Synod, the Wisconsin State League forwarded \$150 and Minnesota \$100 to keep a student in the field during July, August and September. Minnesota's \$100 was taken from the general fund as we had no money in our missionary fund. This amount must be repaid as quickly as possible and the State Executive Committee has laid an assessment of at least \$5 on each League to be turned in at once. Your people are willing to help you if you'll only call on them. No one misses 50 cents or \$1 and it will do a lot of good in Hiles."

Leadership Courses for Leaguers are being offered by Twin City District this fall. Classes meet once a week.

St. John's, Duluth, will entertain the 1931 convention. Holy Trinity, Minneapolis, gave \$250 to the Ministerial Pension Fund. How many of our Leagues have such a fine record?

Holy Trinity, St. Paul—Wedding bells rang merrily for Adolph Sorenson, President of the League, and Hazel Olson a week or so ago. Our best wishes to the newlyweds!

GEORGIA

A monthly mimeographed news sheet comes out to stir interest among the Georgia peaches. The President, Miss Gartemann, editor. President Edwin D. Zirgein, of Ebenezer Luther League, writes interestingly of this new League. It is named in honor of the first settlers, the Salsburgers, whose settlement was Ebenezer, Jerusalem Church was built in 1767-69, and is all that is left of the original settlement.

MARYLAND

Baltimore District will campaign for the Review during December—slogan: "Give a Luther League Review for Christmas".

ILLINOIS

We note with real regret the resignation of William Allen as Executive Secretary. He is a student at Carthage and gave himself unsparingly to the extension of League work in Illinois. He will be greatly missed.

The three General Secretaries all helped celebrate Luther League Week in Illinois. The week was established by vote of the Synod.

NEW YORK

The Districts of great New York combined to hold an Institute at Wagner College just prior to school opening. The whole program was given over to Training for Leadership in the League. Uncle Amos spoke at the Westchester District Rally held in New Rochelle in September.

WESTERN DISTRICT SUGGESTS \$1,500 FOR HOME MISSIONS AS NEXT LUTHER LEAGUE CAMPAIGN OBJECTIVE

Splendid Convention Held in Wallace Township on Sunday, July 13
—Rev. A. J. Datars, of Desboro, is New President—
Audience is Informed of Life Service and Missionary Departments

The annual convention of the Western District of the Luther League of Canada was held in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Wallace Township, on Sunday, July 13th, and proved to be very successful. Owing to the holidays being otherwise taken up, and as the District holds an annual picnic on July 1st, it was felt that a Sunday date would be satisfactory, and it seemed to meet with general approval.

The convention opened at 10:30 A. M. with a rally service, conducted by the pastor of the church, Rev. R. B. Geelhaar, of Listowel, and at which a particularly inspiring sermon was delivered by Rev. A. J. Datars, of Desboro.

The business session occupied a full afternoon. The President, Rev. Geelhaar, presided, and the Secretary, Miss Edna Weigel, of Hanover, read a splendid record of last year's convention. Mr. Charles Marklevitz, of Chesley, gave the Treasurer's report for both the District and the picnic. The latter funds were in good shape.

Election of officers resulted as follows: President, Rev. A. J. Datars, of Desboro; First Vice-President, Miss Marie Stuenpue, Elmwood; Second Vice-President, Rev. F. L. Howald, Elmwood; Secretary, Miss Edna Weigel, Hanover; Treasurer, Mr. Jack Gilbert, Hanover; Chairman of Picnic Committee, Mr. Charles Marklevitz, Chesley. Rev. Geelhaar asked to be relieved of the Presidency.

An invitation to meet on the second Sunday in July, 1931, at Chesley, was heartily accepted.

Outstanding among the business items was unanimous approval of a motion to recommend to the Biennial Convention that the Luther League of Canada put on a campaign to raise \$1,500 in 1931-32 for home mission purposes. The original suggestion, made by the Elmwood League, was that \$2,000 be raised and divided equally between Waterloo Seminary and home missions. Some thought that the amount should be reduced to \$1,500, and Hanover Leaguers urged that the full amount of \$1,500 be given to home missions, in view of the fact that the synod is particularly interested in this great field of work in Canada, and also that the synod is undertaking an educational campaign of its own in 1931. A separate seminary building, in which the League has asked to furnish the chapel, is not considered an immediate likelihood.

Five of the seven Leagues in the Western District have raised their full apportionment for the \$2,000 Seminary Fund now nearing completion, and the other two have paid some and hope to make up the balance.

Space will not permit a full report of two fine papers, one by Miss Monk, of Elmwood, on "Life Service", and one by Miss Mildred Willison, of Hamilton, Missionary Secretary of the Luther League of Canada, on the work of her department. As Miss Willison could not attend, the paper was read by Mr. Clayton Schaus.

In the evening members of the Elmwood League put on a Life Service pageant and their pastor Rev. F. L. Howald, gave a splendid address on this topic. He is Life Service Secretary of the Luther League of Canada.

The hospitality of the members of the Wallace congregation was all that could be desired. They served a sumptuous dinner and supper, and Miss Marie Stuenpue expressed the convention's thanks.

32nd ANNUAL CONVENTION L. L. OF WISCONSIN

Porto Rico quota of \$222.22—paid in full; Sustaining Membership quota, \$100—completed; Review subscriptions quota—met. So the Luther League of Wisconsin meeting in its thirty-second annual convention at Lake Park Church, Milwaukee, August 28, 29 and 30, recorded the most successful year in its history and a record-breaking number of delegates and visitors.

Besides the national obligations, Wisconsin paid \$150 toward the support of a student summer pastor at Hiles, Wisconsin, and pledged another \$50 for the same purpose. \$50 were voted to make up the Sustaining Membership deficit of 1929.

For its 1930-31 missionary objective, Wisconsin Leaguers voted to raise \$500 to be used toward the salary of a full time Life Service Secretary for the Luther League of America, because they are convinced that this phase of League work as well as any other needs the continual services of a consecrated worker.

Seventeen stars appear on the new Life Service Flag dedicated at the convention, each one representing a young man or woman who has declared himself ready for preparation to enter into full time service for the Lord.

"Here I Stand" was the convention theme, with addresses given by N. J. Gould Wickey, D.D., of Washington; Rev. Chester S. Simonton, Chicago; Rev. R. H. Gerberding, Synod President. Rev. John I. Meek, of Racine, acted as convention chaplain.

Rev. Rudy Schulz, of Ohio; Min Peterson, of Chicago, and Herb Fischer attended as representatives of the Luther League of America and addressed and entertained the convention at its sessions and banquet, held at the Shorecrest Hotel.

Officers for 1930-1931 include: President, August Gruhn, Milwaukee; Vice-President, Earl Zimmerman, Kenosha; Recording Secretary, Helena Kitz, Neenah; Corresponding Secretary, Dorothy Dawe, Wauwatosa; Treasurer, Rose Messner, Milwaukee; and Executive-at-Large, Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, Horicon.



Iowa in Session

LUTHER LEAGUE OF IOWA STATE CONVENTION Fairfield, Iowa, August 28-31 1930

After the registration of delegates which took place at 3 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, August 28th, the twenty-sixth annual convention of the Luther League of Iowa was officially opened. The convention proper was opened at 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening with a worship service under the direction of Convention Chaplain Leland H. Leshner, of Muscatine. Clifford R. Messer, President of the entertaining League, made an address of welcome. The response was made by Richard Heitman, President of the Sioux City Luther League. Following the reading of the Scriptures, Dr. W. H. Blancke, of Newton, Dean of the Iowa Synod, and one of the founders of the Luther League of Iowa, gave a splendid address. Opening announcements and appointment of standing committees were made by Vice-President Elmer Krueger, of Burlington, who has been serving in the capacity of Acting President. Immediately following the worship service the entire congregation retired to the church parlors and a reception and general get-together social was held.

Friday morning session was opened by the administration of the Holy Communion to all delegates and visitors present. The convention was then called to order and the first business session was under way. Secretary Edna Blancke called the roll and 79 delegates were found to be present. The next feature of the program was the presentation and acceptance of new Leagues for membership, which was followed by the appointment of the remaining committees. The reports of the various officers were next in line and was completed with a report of the Executive Committee. As the Constitution of the League had been completely revised and almost entirely re-written a committee report on this work was next read. Reports of the Missionary Secretary, Life Service Secretary, Educational Secretary and Extension Secretary were read and approved by the body. Then came one of the worth while features of the program, our genial friend, Herb Fischer, from across the river, led a round table discussion of Luther League work in general. Herb always has a big smile and a message to leave with us, we were glad to have him with us. He is just like one of us because he is so near.

Friday afternoon session was opened with a short devotional period by the Chaplain. Rev. J. O. Simon, D.D., President of the Iowa Synod, gave a very interesting talk, urging closer co-operation between the Synod and the Luther League.

The Intermediate Secretary's report was read and approved. Then came the biggest surprise of the entire convention in the person of John George Kurzenkabe. And let it be said here that if the Luther League of Pennsylvania ever tires of him, Iowa would like to put in a bid for him. His discussion was so earnest and enlightening that everyone was more than pleased and willing to listen as long as he would talk. We feel very fortunate in having such a man come before us and we wish to take this opportunity to thank the Luther League of America for sending him this far west. It was a great inspiration and help to have him among us. Local League reports were then read by the various Presidents. The nominating committee then made its report. The report was accepted and a unanimous ballot was cast for each nominee. The following is the result of the election: President, Nels M. Hansen, of Council Bluffs; Vice-President, Robert Rynott, of Burlington; Secretary, Edna Blancke, of Newton; and Treasurer, Arlo Ketelson, of Clinton.

Friday evening at 6:30 the good ship Luther League left the port of Fairfield with full crew and many visitors aboard. A splendid banquet was served by a beautiful crew of feminine sailors. It sure is great to be a Leaguer. We again heard from the jolly and well-liked John George who kept the diners in very good humor. Then Herb Fischer, who as usual was up to his old trick of making things disappear, entertained the guests with his numerous tricks and works of magic. The main address of the evening was made by Rev. F. J. Weertz, of Des Moines, and was enjoyed by all.

Immediately following the short devotional period on Saturday morning, reports of the credential, auditing and budgeting commit-

tees were read and approved as were the reports of the Sustaining Membership Chairman and the Junior Secretary, John George then led a round table discussion of Junior work which was equally as interesting as his message of the day before.

Saturday afternoon session opened with the Chaplain presiding for devotional service. The report of the Iowa Index, State publication, was then read and approved. The report of the Resolutions Committee was then read, discussed and finally approved with some modifications and changes. After closing devotions by the Chaplain the convention was officially closed by the Acting President. The local League then entertained the visiting guests at a picnic held at a park just outside the city.

On Sunday morning Dr. Gould Wickey addressed the body at the regular morning service. Dr. W. H. Blancke, acting for the President of Synod, then properly installed the new officers.

It might well be said here that the 79 delegates present travelled about 27,896 miles to and from their homes to be present at this convention. It's something to think about, Luther Leaguers.

Family Correspondence

A LETTER TO QUOTE!

Hackettstown, N. J., August 13, 1930

Rev. Amos J. Traver, General Secretary,
806 Muhlenberg Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Uncle Amos:

It is just about a year ago that I was considering organizing a Luther League in our local church, St. John's, of Passaic, N. J., and in answer to my requests for information, received several instructive letters from you. No doubt you receive many such letters and I feel it is only fair to let you know what results your help has brought about in Passaic.

We organized in September with twenty members and closed in June with fifty-two. In February we joined the Bergen District and it has been an inspiration to work with the other Leagues of that District.

Regular meetings are held twice a month with a business, devotional and discussion, and social program. Luther League topics are used and everyone is most interested. A number of Reviews are in circulation, some Bible readers' cards have been signed, an installation service is held for new members and our young people's church attendance is improving. As many as forty-two have been present at a regular meeting. At our Life Service meeting we had an attendance of about eighty, which included Seniors, Intermediates, and visitors from Hasbrouck Heights League.

The two biggest events for the year were Porto Rico Night and the reunion at Easter-time. The former was a Vesper Service at which Mr. Alvin Schaediger spoke; the latter was a service plus social, at which time members of the past twenty confirmation classes were invited, and a reception tendered the newly-confirmed.

If anyone should ever ask for proof that it is best to start out with a full set of officers and Secretaries, you might refer them to our case. We started out with a full program, rather doubtfully, but followed your suggestions and can only give our full endorsement of the Luther League program now. We did not understand the duties of everyone when we began, but by study and observation of others we soon saw the value of all.

In January the Seniors helped the Intermediates organize, and though their program is not very strong as yet, it is improving.

Reading Courses for 1929 and 1930 were purchased, and though the circulation has not been rapid, interest is increasing.

This may all sound as if everything came our way. We had many a hard struggle, and often it seemed as if our work was

failing, but these times of doubt and uncertainty made us work the harder. Our State officers were a source of inspiration and encouragement after you gave us a start. From learning how other Leagues have progressed, it seems to me that ours must be in many ways unusual, and for that reason I would ask you, if you wish to quote any of this letter, please not to mention the name of our League. We have as yet but a few hard workers but the interest is increasing with the work. It would not seem advisable as yet for individual members of our League to know of the rapid progress they have made.

I have written this letter simply in appreciation of what the Luther League and its officers, State and National, have done for the young people of our church. It has given them a well-balanced program, developed an interest in seeking the purpose of the church, and helped them understand each other and themselves better.

If anyone who has a particular problem with any department of the League work would like to hear how we put our program across, I shall be glad to write in detail what our experiences have been. I, personally, have benefitted so from this work that I stand ready to serve all whom I can, as I want others to share in this happy experience I have had of leading our young people to a better understanding of the work of the Church through the example of Jesus Christ. The coming year looks very promising and I am more ready to face problems, which I am certain are to occur, because of my experiences of last year.

Again please accept my hearty thanks for your helpful letters and materials.

Very sincerely yours,

ERNA HARDT,

President, Luther League of St. John's, Passaic

Home address:

199 Second Street, Clifton, N. J.

POPULARITY

A request in a recent topic write-up was for ten characteristics of a popular League leader. The following are some of the most interesting answers. John George after reading them makes the following comment: "Whew!" Yes, they set high standards and we are glad they do. It is a healthy sign of appreciation of true values. We thank those who took the time to write these letters.

2210 North Liberty Street, Salem, Oregon,
August 13, 1930.

Luther League Review,
806 Muhlenberg Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Editor:

The Senior Luther League of the American Lutheran Church selected the following ten qualities as essential to the popularity of a Luther Leaguer:

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| 1. Pleasing personality | 6. Dependability |
| 2. Co-operation | 7. Unselfishness |
| 3. Christian love | 8. Tolerance |
| 4. Honesty | 9. Personal appearance |
| 5. Sincerity | 10. Service |

As the Leaguers could not decide on the best definition of popularity, written by them, the definitions were given to the superintendent of the Sunday School, and he selected the following: "Popularity is a state which we all strive for. It means respect of friends through characteristics of good fellowship, congeniality, pleasing personality, dependability, friendliness, constructive energy, and cheerfulness."

We did not have time to complete the discussion on the 10th, as we found the topic one of the best that we have had. We continued the discussion the 17th and feel that we have profited much from it.

Sincerely,

LOUVERA HORN

Rohrersville, Md., August 13, 1930.

The Luther League Review,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

The St. Mark's, Mt. Zion Luther League of Rohrersville chose the following qualities that they thought a popular person should have. They should be Christ-like, unselfish, sincere, courteous, common-place, pure, dependable, ambitious, open-minded, loving, obedient, and have a pleasant disposition.

Truly yours,

MARTHA R. SNYDER,
Corresponding Secretary

Mt. Pleasant, Pa., August 11, 1930.

Luther League Review,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Editor:

Complying with your request as found in the suggestions for the topic for August 10th, we submit the following as ten traits found in popular people:

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| 1. Unselfishness | 6. Sincerity |
| 2. Pleasing personality | 7. Religion |
| 3. Honesty | 8. Co-operation |
| 4. Aggressiveness | 9. Sociability |
| 5. Devotion | 10. Originality |

Sincerely,

MT. PLEASANT LUTHER LEAGUE

Per: Secretary Beulah Washabaugh

Convoy, Ohio, August 12, 1930.

Dear Editor:

The ten characteristics that the League has chosen to become truly popular are: Honesty, generosity, loyalty, ability, courtesy, willingness, courage, friendliness, accomplishment, and personality.

From

CONVOY LUTHER LEAGUE

LEUPOLD TO FUHR!

The copy of a letter sent to Dr. Melhorn by a former President of the Luther League of Pennsylvania. We agree with his sentiments and thank him for the letter.

August 29, 1930.

My dear Dr. Melhorn:

I feel that in justice to a friendship that has lasted over twenty-five years, I must add a word of commendation to the article in this week's "Lutheran" on page 29 written by Pastor G. E. Swoyer in behalf of my friend "Charlie" Fuhr. There is not a word of exaggeration in what Rev. Swoyer has written concerning Charles W. Fuhr. It has been my good fortune to work with Mr. Fuhr in the work of the Luther League in this State for many years. All too little is written of such unordained servants of the Lord who work long, earnestly and prayerfully without monetary consideration and whose results are never attempted to be recorded in the pages of our official paper or elsewhere. "Charlie" Fuhr has long worked alone and shunned all publicity and praise that people attempted to shower on him, and I rejoice that Pastor Swoyer, who knows his work well, has written of this achievement. "Charlie" Fuhr is a specialist among young people and there has done his greatest work; but his ability is not and was not limited to that phase of work in the Church. He is and has for years been active in and busy on committees of the Pittsburgh Synod, the former General Council and the United Lutheran Church.

I personally want to thank "The Lutheran" for having given over the three columns to this testimony in his behalf, but if a whole issue were so used it would not be in vain, for here is a tribute to an unpaid minister of the Gospel, who after his busy hours at the bank where he is employed in a responsible position, he gives almost wholly of his spare time to the work of the Church, not as a vocation but rather an avocation. Such a record of service and such a record of appreciation from one who knows will mean much to encourage other young people in the work not to lose courage and to press on and be another "Charlie" Fuhr. No one knows better than the editor of "The Lutheran" the dearth of young people in our Church today who are efficient and dependable and trained to carry on.

I want to thank Pastor Swoyer for this fine tribute of my friend "Charlie", and to say to him that he has written well of a man whose praise cannot be sung too loudly. Not a great worker of a moment, but one who has stood the test of years of time and whose twenty-five years of work in Pittsburgh is known throughout Lutheran, and especially Luther League, circles in the whole country and the Virgin Islands.

Pastor Swoyer, your short article tells only of Charles W. Fuhr and his training class, why not write of his whole Church activity, and if "The Lutheran" will not publish it maybe the Luther League Review will; but I think "The Lutheran" will for it is so ready to recognize good news that its readers need and ought to have.

FRANCIS C. LEUPOLD

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP REPORT

January 1 to August 30, 1930

League	Quota	Memberships		Alumni (Gift)
		Sustain.	Contrib.	
Alabama	\$ 30.00			
Northern California	20.00	\$20.00		
Southern California	50.00	21.00	\$29.00	
Canada			2.00	\$5.00
Columbia District	40.00	5.00		
Connecticut	75.00	15.00		
Florida	35.00	10.00		25.00
Georgia	40.00		8.00	5.00
Illinois	300.00	70.00	7.00	
Indiana	150.00	25.00		5.00
Iowa	80.00	5.00	15.00	
Kansas	50.00	5.00		5.00
Maryland	350.00	70.00	64.00	30.00
Michigan	50.00	25.00	26.00	5.00
Minnesota	80.00	25.00	10.00	
Mississippi	20.00			
German Nebraska	20.00			
Nebraska	160.00	5.00	32.00	5.00
New Jersey	80.00	40.00	23.00	15.00
New York	1,200.00	260.00	179.00	140.00
North Carolina	500.00	70.00	15.00	45.00
Nova Scotia	15.00			
Ohio	200.00	53.05	37.00	20.00
Pacific Northwest	15.00			
Pennsylvania	2,100.00	388.00	305.00	150.00
Porto Rico				
Rocky Mountain Synod	15.00			
South Carolina	300.00	75.00	28.00	25.00
Texas	60.00	30.00	8.00	5.00
Virginia	100.00	133.50	32.50	15.00
West Virginia	25.00			
Wisconsin	100.00	15.00	55.00	10.00
Miscellaneous	240.00			
Total	\$6,500.00	\$1,365.55	\$875.50	\$510.00

THERE SHALL BE PEACE

A fine worship program for Armistice Sunday has been prepared by Josephine L. Albert, Associate Director of Young People's Work in the Presbyterian Church. It is distributed by the International Commission. It can be secured in mimeographed form at 10 cents per copy. It may be used in place of the regular topic for Sunday or at Vespers if the congregation permits.

AN ICE BOX CAKE

These ingredients are snatched from State League News Sheets, Programs and the like.

A PRAYER FOR YOUTH

John F. Fedders, D.D.



STRONG Son of God, hear our prayer for the youth of our Church: Give them the vision of the pure in heart that the warfare of the spirit may be waged with unstained steel. Grant them the grace of humility, neither to spurn the treasured history of the past nor to sneer at the pageantry of present day progress. Guard them with the whole armor of God—the girdle of triumphant truth, the breastplate of worthy righteousness, the sandals of perfect peace, the shield of saving faith, the hel-

met of holy salvation, the sword of the divine spirit, the protection of persistent prayer and the weapon of constant watchfulness—that they may be able to stand and withstand in the evil day. May the chivalry of knighthood, the loyalty of discipleship, the courtesy of noble character and the bravery of fearless witness be the portion of our youth in extending the frontiers of the Kingdom of God. And may Thy benediction abide in their hearts always. Amen.—From Wisconsin Program.

Simon Peter was worth ten Andrews so far as we can gather from sacred history and yet Andrew was instrumental in bringing him to Jesus. You may be deficient in talent and yet be the means of drawing to Christ one who will become eminent in grace and service.—Spurgeon.

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RECIPE FOR LONG LIFE

Worry less and work more,
Ride less and walk more,
Frown less and laugh more,
Eat less and chew more,
Preach less and practice more.
—Georgia

MODESTY FORBIDS

"It's Great to be a Luther Leaguer These Days."

—Clarence C. Dittmer

**"It's BEST to be a WISCONSIN
Luther Leaguer"**

—From Wisconsin Program

WHEN TIMES ARE HARD

If times are hard and you feel blue,
Think of others worrying, too;
Just because your trials are many
Don't think the rest of us haven't any.

Life is made up of smiles and tears,
Joys and sorrows, mixed with the fears;
And though to us it seems one-sided,
Trouble is pretty well divided.

If we could look in every heart,
We'd find that each one has its part;
And those who travel fortune's road,
Sometimes carry the biggest load.—Georgia.

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When we look at Luther's coat-of-arms and take note of the central cross, there is no doubt in our mind but that Luther loved the cross. May we likewise love it, and with the Lord's humble, but faithful host, sing and say:

In the Cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

—Rev. W. A. Klindworth in Lutheran Standard

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Canadian Convention Theme

"A CHARGE TO KEEP I HAVE"

The four essentials for Christian leadership are: 1. Unchanging and unchangeable convictions; convictions that God is, and that He is your God and Father. 2. Courage of your convictions. 3. Perseverance or stick-to-it-iveness. 4. Love of folks.—Rev. Dr. J. J. Scherer, Richmond, Va.

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"A sincere word of praise for a task well done is the best way to get the worker to strive still harder."—Kansas.

"A pledge half filled is a pledge broken."—Kansas.

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Life is for most of us a continuous process of getting used to things we hadn't expected.—Kansas.

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"It takes a long time to size a quiet man."—Kansas

The Sustaining Membership Fund must be taken seriously or our deficit will demand drastic cuts in budget!

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP FUND

Memberships Received for August, 1930

ALABAMA

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, total 1

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, total 28

CANADA, total 4

COLUMBIA DISTRICT, total 1

CONNECTICUT, total 3

FLORIDA, total 2

GEORGIA, total 5

ILLINOIS, total 10

INDIANA, total 4

IOWA, total 3

KANSAS, total 2

MARYLAND, total 51

St. John's Junior Luther League, Washington, D. C.

MICHIGAN, total 11

MINNESOTA, total 11

MISSISSIPPI

GERMAN NEBRASKA

NEBRASKA, total 25

Salem Luther League, Fremont

Miss Bessie Rader

NEW JERSEY, total 18

Luther League, Christ Church, Ridgefield Park

Rev. George R. F. Tamke

NEW YORK, total 124

St. John's Luther League, Victor

NOVA SCOTIA

NORTH CAROLINA, total 25

Holy Trinity Luther League, Charlotte

Richard Robinson Roediger, by Augsburg League, Winston-Salem

St. Andrew's Senior Luther League, Hickory

St. Paul's Luther League, Salisbury

Rev. E. F. Troutman, by St. Andrew's Intermediate Luther

League, Andrews

Rev. Amos J. Traver, by Luther League Class, North Carolina

Summer School

Emmanuel Luther League, Rockwell

OHIO, total 29

Rev. Rudolph G. Schulz, Jr.

Erle C. Greiner

Mrs. Mabel C. Greiner

Sydney C. Greiner

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

PENNSYLVANIA, total 295

Trinity Luther League, McKeesport

Mr. Chas. W. Fuhr, by Juniors of Pennsylvania

Mrs. Ralph G. Swavely, by Juniors of Pennsylvania

St. Joseph's Luther League, Allentown

Christ Junior Luther League, York

St. John's Junior Luther League, Nazareth

Mrs. Ruby Boweer

Miss Frances Saefer

James Robinson

Helen Body

Rev. G. F. Gehr

Mayme Burke

Rachael Mowry

Lloyd Leidich

Cornelia Cathcart

Zola Staughton

Rev. W. H. Hetrick

William Caldwell

Albert E. Kunkel

Helen McCann

Elizabeth Merwarth

Rev. H. F. Obenauf

Murna Werle

Mary M. Kornman

Hazel Nannah

Rev. B. C. Ritz

Rev. A. W. Steinfurth

Jane Truxal

Janet Earhart

Dorothy Gahring

Conrad Frank, Jr.

Rev. E. M. Grove

John G. Kurzenkabe

Mary Huston

Suzanne J. Spier

Musser D. White

Emily M. Eli

Rev. Paul M. Kinports

Ruth Heckman

Rev. G. L. Himmelman

Mary Donges

Mary Gohn

Mildred Weaver

Eva Minich

Miriam Troxell

Kenneth Dry

Bertha Rupp

Rev. C. E. Read

Adeline Mattmiller

George Quier

George M. Berg

Rev. F. W. Ash

Mrs. Jacob Brezler

Eva M. Savacool

Ruth Bachofer

Elsa Becker

Katherine Berger

Herbert Fryling

Frank Heffner

Harry Hodges

Lulu B. Sacks

Wilbur Zieger

Katherine Dombart

John C. L. Hartmann

Mrs. D. C. Hill

Helen C. Miller

Martha C. Schneider

G. Walter Johnson

Martha Banks

Betty Eberly

Ruth Dillplane

Edward R. Eisenbrown

Edith Grand

Mary E. Graul

Henry Herman

Ruth Jones

Ruth E. Kiehl

Walter Krause

Rev. G. G. Neely

Virginia Roland

D. A. Kommel

Rev. J. B. Lambert

Samuel Groff

M. L. Kutz

Mrs. M. L. Kutz

William F. Baker

Mrs. J. R. Shuster

George F. Lobien

Anna J. Friedrich

M. E. Cole

Mrs. Luther C. Lang

Luther C. Lang

Rev. L. A. Krouse

Glenn McKenna

Mary O. Boeckel

M. I. Crumrine

Edward Depfer

Richard Heiland

W. K. S. Hershey

Eugene Miller

Ethel Mosteller

Twenty-five others with no name given

M. Haller Frey

Rev. W. H. Traub, D.D.

Rosa Weaver

Hazel Harmon

Rev. F. W. Richter

Robert Richter

Wilhelmina Graham

Edwin Maloney

Wallace Oest

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

SOUTH CAROLINA, total 32

Grace Luther League, Gilbert

Miss Dora Rumble

The President of Mt. Pleasant Luther League

The Treasurer of Mt. Pleasant Luther League

Mr. J. S. Shealy, by St. James' Luther League, Summit

St. Paul's Luther League, Columbia

Katherine Houck

L. O. Caughman

TEXAS, total 11

VIRGINIA, total 39

WEST VIRGINIA

WISCONSIN, total 40

St. Paul's Luther League, Neenah

Robert Collins

Dorothy Walton

Alice Heling

Racine-Kenosha District Luther League

Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, D.D.

Miss Helen A. Wacek

TEEN-AGE TALKIE

Dear Intermediate Family:

My first word to you this month concerns primarily the superintendents and leaders of the November meetings. Topic building is the theme about which I wish to speak to you.

An innovation in topic building is being introduced this month. Each topic for the five Sundays in November is similar in make-up, with the same plan to be followed over a period of several months. The featuring thing about the plan is the question and answer method of handling the topics.

The plan centers about the leader. The leader asks a question, which is answered by a Leaguer. The answers of the Leaguers should be studied out and given more particularly in their own words. To assure this, the leader should hand out "parts" one week in advance of the meeting.

Interspersed in the body of the topic are to be found questions addressed to the League. The leader puts forth the questions. Discussion should follow. Both the leader and the superintendent should be insistent upon having the members give thought and expression to all questions put to them. Several copies of the Review should be available for each meeting to assure success of the plan. Don't spoil the topic by having but one Review copy, to be passed around to each member when his or her turn comes.

After experimenting with this plan for several months, I wish the superintendents would do me the favor of writing in and telling me whether or not the idea is a good one, embodying any suggestions or changes their experience and observation has taught.

Our ambition to edit a topics quarterly must go unsatisfied for another year, both on account of the lack of funds and the failure of the Leagues to express themselves in favor of its support. Hence the above idea of topic building is being projected as a substitute. A few superintendents have expressed the conviction that the topics are too hard. On the other hand, a few others say they are too simple. Many have given them general approval, but most of you remain silent in the matter. The fact must be borne in mind, before giving isolated opinions on the topics, that the wide range in years of

the boys and girls represented in the Intermediate Leagues all over the country makes it most difficult to satisfy the tastes and needs of all at the same time. However, we invite constructive criticism.

**"The Boy Scouts' Year Book",
by Franklin K. Mathiews—\$2.50**

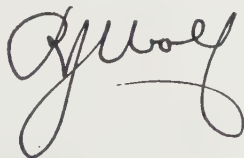
Children like to laugh. They are, in fact, incurable laughers. The least suggestion tickles their funny bone, causing oftimes a fit of suspended hilarity on their part, and considerable irritation to their elders. All sorts of pranks are devised by them for the purpose of provoking fun. A few writers have been successful in feeding the humorous vein of children. Twain and Tarkington are two well-known examples. Authors of lesser stature, however, have caught the spirit of the child and in recent years have built up a wholesome body of humorous literature. In the book, "The Boy Scouts' Year Book", the best in humor for children has been compiled. Chief Scout Executive West promises its readers "a laugh or two on almost every page, and on some, in addition, a rollicking roar or two." Secure a copy.

Daily Bible Reading

On page 15, the September Review, there appears a brief item entitled, "An Aid to Daily Bible Reading". One superintendent thought the office was prepared to mail out printed aids to daily Bible reading. We do have a leaflet for that purpose. It is called "Bible Characters and Characteristics". But the Review item just mentioned is given as a matter of information. It reflects the method one superintendent uses to promote interest in daily Bible reading. You can follow the same general plan by using the "Daily Bible Readings" which head each topic in the Review. Run off copies of these monthly readings as soon as you receive your Review and distribute them among the members.

Four hundred copies of the special Tenth Anniversary Service were printed and mailed out to all superintendents. In addition orders were received from quite a few of unregistered Leagues, resulting in a complete exhaustion of the supply. That's the way we like to do business. We hope you liked the service. Don't forget to devote the offering of the service to some worthy missionary project. A most needful pocketbook for that offering is the Treasurer of the Luther League of America. Moral: Take out a Sustaining Membership.

Faithfully,



Junior Palaver

Dear Leaguers:

The big event in Junior League circles for November is our third annual Nation-wide Junior Rally Day, to be observed on November 8, the Saturday nearest Luther's birthday. On that afternoon the Junior Leaguers all through the Luther League of America will rally together to give a program telling of the work of the department. Plan for this now—Juniors to participate, Seniors to attend. The plan is four-fold:

1. The Junior Leagues of a District, or three or four Junior Leagues in a neighborhood, to meet together and give the suggested program, each Junior League having some part in the program.

Thousands of Junior Leaguers will be meeting together on that day, giving the same program.

2. Where the Juniors of the District are not yet fully organized, organization of the Junior District League is to be completed, and Junior District officers appointed.

3. Where it is impossible for local Junior Leagues to meet with others, the program as outlined is to be given if possible on Sunday, November 9, at the evening service for the local congregation.

4. Senior Leagues where there are no Junior Leagues are asked to give consideration to "Junior Day" at their meeting, and where possible organize a Junior League. Help along "Junior Day".

A Children's Lantern Peace Parade

From the Committee on World Friendship Among Children comes this suggestion:

What Holland Does. As a part of the peace education program for its children, Holland has made use of an old festival day known as St. Martin's Day, celebrated on November 11th. On the evening of this day the children of Holland, carrying lighted candles, went from door to door receiving gifts of fruit and flowers. The custom was an old one and interest in it was gradually lessening. Now in observance of the day (Armistice Day) a great peace parade of children is given. Each child makes his lantern of paper in the Chinese fashion, and writes, paints or pastes in it some peace symbol, a picture of The Hague Peace Palace or something similar. The day before parade day, while the children are making their lanterns and selecting their symbols to put on them, offers an unusual opportunity for the working out of a peace program.

The great parade forms after dark (about 4 P. M. in October) and thousands of children, carrying their lighted lanterns with their peace symbols, march their way through the streets. It is an amazing demonstration of the interest of the children of a country in a peace movement.

It is the hope of the leaders in the peace movement that similar lantern peace parades may be arranged in other countries on Armistice Day. Will leaders and teachers of children make plans and arrange for these parades?

Suggestions. 1. Flags and banners made especially for the occasion. 2. Scout troops as leaders. 3. A small band. 4. Houses decorated with lanterns along the line of march. 5. Prizes offered for the best made and designed lanterns. 6. A joint parade planned by several churches or schools working in co-operation. 7. Line of march so formed that each church shall pass the others. Write for further suggestions to the Committee on World Friendship Among Children.

Thanksgiving

Plan for a special Thanksgiving program in your Junior League. In addition to the Thanksgiving topic use the leaflets, "Thanksgiving in the Junior League" and "Can a Little Child Like Me", each 2 cents from League Headquarters.

"Pilgrim Panel Posters", 50 cents, and a Pilgrim Village, 60 cents, to be cut out and colored, both obtain-

able from the United Lutheran Publication House, 1228 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, will prove attractive hand-work, especially for the Little Leaguers, and help tell the story of the first Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is a fine time to spread cheer and do for others. Here are some suggestions:

Cards sent to old folks' home.

Fruit—oranges—sent to the children's hospital.

Scrapbooks sent to orphan home.

Jellies sent to sick.

Fruit and vegetables sent to home.

Basket given to needy family.

Flowers sent to Shut-ins.

A Thanksgiving program given at one of our institutions.

A Thanksgiving party for children of another race.

Teach the Juniors that the best way to show they are thankful is to make others thankful.

The Junior Superintendent's Reading Course

Reading the following books, or any of them, will give you practical working plans for the Junior League:

Junior Method in the Church School—Powell

The Junior Worker and Work—Baldwin

Missionary Education of Juniors—Hutton

Training Juniors in Worship—Jones

Story-Telling Lessons—Tralle

Chalk Talks—Brown

Pictures in Religious Education—Beard

The Sand Table—Faris

Handwork in Religious Education—Wardle

The Use of the Project—Hartley

Following the Dramatic Instinct—Ferris

Children At Play in Many Lands—Hall

Will you read some of these books?

Conventions

From **Nebraska** comes this word: "Our convention held at Dakota City was a decided success. Our junior work has been progressing and I trust that in the future we will accomplish even more. John George gave us some very good ideas on Junior work, and Thelma Wenk, of Creston, brought over some of their Juniors and gave us a splendid demonstration." Fine, Nebraska!

New Jersey. Mrs. Ralph G. Swavely, Pennsylvania's Junior Secretary, did the honors at the New Jersey convention held over Labor Day at Union City. She gave an address on Junior methods, conducted a Junior conference and was generally a source of inspiration. Miss Helen Wenzel, State Junior Secretary, arranged and presided over the program. There were Quiet Moments and greetings from the District Secretaries as well as a demonstration by the Juniors themselves. We are expecting some new Junior Leagues in New Jersey this year.

Michigan Juniors met every day during the Summer School at Wauwasee under the direction of Mrs. G. C. Goering. A program of missions and Bible work, the making of note books, and stories made up an interesting program. "The Parable of the Talents", in costume, was given by the Juniors before the whole Summer School, and they contributed \$2.50 to Porto Rico.

At the **Maryland Synod Convention**, held in Cumberland, a Junior Institute was conducted. Dr. Ethel

Brindle, Maryland's Junior Secretary, spoke on general plans; Fred Schichler and Fred Heise spoke on what they hope to accomplish for the Juniors in the Washington and Baltimore Districts respectively, and Miss Katherine Grive reported for the Baltimore District. Thirty Junior Leagues with 683 members, contributing \$134 for various causes, including an over-subscription to the Porto Rico Fund, and activities of all sorts were reported. Reports of local Junior Leagues were given by Miss Mildred Albrecht, Trinity, West Baltimore; Dorothy Brake, Zion, Waynesboro; Donald Haynes, Mt. Zion, Rohrsersville; Naomi Flanigan, Frederick, the largest Junior League in the Synod, with 90 members; and Miss A. Barbara Wiegand, of St. John's, Washington, D. C., the one Gold Star Junior League of the Synod. Stars were awarded to all the Honor Leagues. The Junior Secretary presented plans and methods and the Reading Course, and new mission books were presented. A Junior conference brought out some lively and interesting discussion—how to use the topics, programs for the meeting, how to organize, what to do with the little tots, etc.

Virginia, at their convention, had a Junior-Intermediate hour under the direction of Miss Florence Fray. Rev. Wolf was the leader of the discussion, and Juniors and Intermediates took part in the program.

Poster Contests

Are your Juniors making posters? We want as many Leagues as possible to take part in our poster contests. There is still time to make posters on either the Catechism or the Augsburg Confession. We have decided to extend the time through October, when the Juniors will be learning more about Luther and the Reformation. Have a study class on "Martin of Mansfeld"—have your Juniors make and send to the Junior Secretary a poster on the Catechism or the Augsburg Confession, before October 30. We have two very special prizes awaiting the two Juniors who send the best.

Also do not forget the monthly poster contests in which we want all to join. The Juniors are learning while they are making these posters.

Here are the titles: October—poster on Luther; November—any book of the Reading Course; December—Christmas in other lands; January—New members; February—Porto Rico; March—Easter; April—India; May—Ten Commandments; June—Reading Convention.

Rules: Posters are to be on large size cardboard—22x28. To be sent flat, those rolled will be eliminated. A Junior or a whole Junior League may work on a poster. As many as desired may be submitted by one Junior League. Neatness, originality and attractiveness to count. To be sent to the Junior Secretary by the last of each month named.

The best poster each month brings to the maker a picture. The winning posters of each month will be exhibited at the Reading Convention and a prize of a book will be awarded for the one judged the best.

There is still time for posters on Luther. Begin work at once on posters illustrating any book of the Junior Reading Course.

The Book-a-Month Club

Two books are named to be read this month—this was inadvertently omitted last month.

"The Use of Projects in Religious Education", Hartley, is a book of handwork plans on which the Junior League can work as a whole.—\$1.00.

"Following the Dramatic Instinct", Ferris, is a book of plans for acting our Bible and missionary stories. The Juniors learn in an easy manner by dramatizing. Price, 75 cents. Order either from our United Lutheran Publication House.

A new book just issued, "The Practice Story-Telling Class", Frances W. Danielson, \$1.25, is a fine little volume on story-telling, not telling you how to tell stories, but actually leading you to tell them. It is especially good for leaders of the Little Leaguers. A number of leaders could well get together and study this book.

India

Our India Junior Secretary, Mr. R. S. Ratnam, writes feelingly of the death of our pioneer missionary, Dr. Anna Kugler. He says in part: "A single stroke of the church bell as Dr. Strock was preaching told of her passing. On Sunday three services were held, one in the hospital chapel and two in St. Matthew's Church. The throngs swelled every moment and streams of people lined the roadside. A great soul has gone from our midst."

Mr. Ratnam also tells of the topics arranged for our India Leaguers. Topics of interest to both Seniors and Juniors are planned because of lack of funds and time for translation and preparation. The third topic of each month is a missionary topic and the last of each month is a meeting particularly for the Juniors. Some of the topics are:

September: Joys and Dangers Away from Home; When Jesus Travelled; Jesus and a Little Girl.

October: Stories of Luther.

November: How to Improve Our Organization; A Boy With a Purpose; Daniel In the Lions' Den.

December: Preparing for Christ; Christ Our Saviour.

January: A Fresh Beginning; Our Duty to God; Andhra Evangelical Christian Council.

Let us work and pray for our Junior Leaguers in India. Have you joined the Good Neighbor Club? There are twelve Junior Leagues waiting to be adopted. We also want to help these Juniors in India at Christmas.

Leadership Training Classes

We note with a great deal of satisfaction the various Leadership Training Classes which are springing up and the part given to Junior methods in each.

New York had such a class and under the leadership of Miss Ida Blomquist, State Secretary, Junior methods were stressed. Minnesota League for the first time is having a Leadership Training Class and the following subjects are included for the Junior Department: History of Intermediate and Junior Work, Margaret Peterson, Intermediate Secretary, Twin City District; Study of the Junior Leaguer; The Junior League—Organization and Program, Minnie Anderson, Past State Junior Secretary. Mrs. Swavely is teaching a class on Junior methods for the entire winter season in the Interdenominational Training School at Albright College, in Reading, Pa. Other classes are being planned elsewhere. Can you have a Leadership Training Class in your territory?

A Correction

In last month's Review through a typographical error, Alsace Junior League was listed with 75 members. This is our banner League and it should have read 175. Come to the Reading Convention and see this League.

South America

Have you contributed to South America as yet? There is still time. Grace, N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa., has helped splendidly by contributing \$10. We hope all the Junior Leagues will have a share in this work.

Previously reported	\$5.9
Grace, Baltimore, Md.	2
First English, Tyrone, Pa.	1
Grace, N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.	10
	\$65

Conclusion

Let us work and plan together for "Junior Day", November 8, and make it a banner day.

Junior League-ally yours,

Brenda L. Mehlhouse

A PROGRAM FOR A JUNIOR LEAGUE MEETING

1. Opening—Quiet Music
2. Worship Period
 - Scripture, hymn, prayer, psalm, story, sentence prayers
3. Offering Period
 - Offering received, verses on giving, offering prayer
4. First Lesson Period
 - Junior Luther League Topic; Little Leaguers in separate group
 - Topic from Review by leader; from Helper by Juniors
 - Talk on topic by superintendent
 - Topic illustrated by one feature: Blackboard, Bible or missionary story, sand table, handwork, picture, drill, dramatization
5. Business Period
 - Minutes, roll call, Treasurer's report, committees' reports, announcements, credits for Bible reading, memory work, etc.
6. Fellowship Period
 - Birthdays, new members, visitors, sick, etc.
7. Drill Period
 - Bible verses, review of Bible readings, topic reviewed, hymn, catechism, etc.
8. Special Feature
 - Musical number, recitation, exercise, observance of church, missionary or patriotic festival, talk by visitor
9. Second Lesson Period
 - Mission study lesson (chapter of book) or Bible stories (Reading Course) told
 - What can we do to help?
 - Everyday living
 - Prayer, offering, gifts, work for others
10. Closing
 - Sentence prayers, hymn, Lord's Prayer

OUR SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

We are sorry to hear that our live-wire Sustaining Membership Chairman, John Martin, had to take an enforced vacation to recuperate from over-work. He wrote the editor last from Black Mountain and reported real progress toward good health. His League friends trust that long before this is read, he will be back on the job, well as ever.

YOUR PARTY FOR NOVEMBER

BACKWARD PARTY

(By Minnie L. Peterson)

Invitation

Turn backward, turn backward,
O time, in thy flight,
Make me a child again
Just for the night.

While at the League party,
I'll have a great time,
No matter the weather
Or state of our clime.

The invitations are written backward. To do this place a carbon paper, tracing side up, under invitation paper. Write the invitation with a blunt instrument, as a pin head or crochet needle. The "backwards" writing will appear on the inner side of the sheet. The invitations may be read with the aid of a mirror.

Ask each guest to dress as a child, preferably a child in history or literature.

Judges are selected to determine who came dressed as the prettiest little girl, the best-looking little boy, the youngest appearing girl and boy, the cleverest costumes impersonating a little girl and a little boy, etc.

Little Lord Fauntleroy, little Eva, small David Copperfield, Little Boy Blue, the Age of Innocence, Baby Stuart, young George Washington, youthful Lincoln, John Brown's little Indians, Miss Muffet, and numerous others will arrive the night of the party.

The guests are met at the back door. They are instructed to walk up the steps backward. The hostess meets them, shaking hands backward and saying "Good-bye" instead of "Hello". After the guests have arrived they play

Guess Who

Each person has a number pinned on his back; he is given a pencil and paper and tries to guess the identity of the other guests. A prize of a small doll dressed backwards, may be given to the person having the most correct guesses.

Sing

The group may sing songs ordinarily used in closing, as "Good Night, Ladies".

Backward Relays

The players form two lines. At the opposite end of the room two tables are placed. Each table holds a number of articles corresponding to the number in the line. For example, if there are ten in each line, ten articles should be placed on the table. These articles may include candy, crackers, peanuts, pickles, etc. At the signal, the first player runs backwards to the table, takes her choice of food in right hand, reaches around back of her head, places food in her mouth, eats food completely and returns to touch off the next player, who repeats the performance. The line clearing the table first wins.

Spelling Backward

Captains are selected and sides chosen as for a spell down. Words, too, are given to be spelled, but spelled backward. Short sentences are interspersed, to be repeated backward, and groups of numbers to be given in inverse order.

Each guest is then asked to make a list of actions or accomplishments being done backward — crossing bridges before you come to them, counting chickens

before they are hatched, a cart before a horse, putting on shoes before hose, a clock going backward, a candle burning longer, etc.

Backward Charades

The guests are coupled by matching cards. Half the cards have the first part of quotations and the remaining cards the last portions written backward. Each couple is told to make ready a charade or tableau depicting a word containing the syllable "back". These words are to be selected from a list kept by the committee. The list might contain "backslide", "backbone", "backbite", "baccarate", "baccalaureate", "tobacco", "backward", "full back", "quarter back", "back stop". (If the crowd is a large one, the group for this should be composed of two or three couples.)

Refreshments

The food may be served from tables in cafeteria style in the following order: 1. Toothpicks; 2. Dessert; 3. Sandwiches; 4. Coffee or cocoa; 5. Paper plate and napkin.

Closing Song

Sing a "welcome song" as "Good Morning, Dear Children", or "We're Here For Fun Right From the Start."

JUNIOR LUTHER LEAGUE READING COURSES

For Juniors 8-12 years:

The Treasure Hunt—Seebach	\$.75
The Wonderland of India—Hunting	.65
Long Ago In Galilee—Clark	1.50
Stories Jesus Heard and Told—Prouty	1.50
Heidi—Spyri	.50
Martin of Mansfeld—Seebach (optional)	

\$4.90

For Little Leaguers—up to 8 years:

Pedro and the Bells	\$.25
The Three Camels	.50
The Star Path	.25
Wee Folks' Life of Christ	.50

\$1.50

Have the Juniors read these books?

Tell the stories to the Little Leaguers.

Have the Juniors write stories on the books read.

Are Your Juniors Reading These Books?

GOOD READING

Noble and Noble offer a new textbook on ethics, "The Meaning of the Moral Life" (1930, price \$2.25), by Warren Nelson Nevins, professor of ethics at Wilson College. Its unique value is its careful definition and understandable language. It is the best introduction to the study of ethics we have discovered. Any college student having difficulty with a course in ethics would find this book a real help.

The National Lutheran Council again issues the Lutheran World Almanac, 1929-30, compiled by Drs. Norlie and Kieffer. It is invaluable and should be on the desk of every Lutheran leader. It should be placed in public libraries by our local Leagues. Price, \$2.00.

TOPICS=Senior Division

November 2, 1930

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION—1530-1930

Romans 5:1, 2; Galatians 2:16

To the Leader: This quadricentennial year is nearly over. Have you given Rev. Harold Miller's pageant "The Magna Charta of Confessions"? If not, this Sunday evening would be a splendid time. Secure the hour of Vespers, advertise the pageant and offer your congregational visual education in the great Confession. Send for a sample pageant at ten cents. Two books will be of special aid in presenting the topic if you have a regular meeting. "The Story of the Augsburg Confession", by Dr. Graebner, price \$1.00, and the "Modern Reader's Augsburg Confession", by Dr. Platteicher, ten cents.

Topic Digest The Setting

Charles V was ruler of most of the civilized world. When Luther proclaimed that man was justified before God by faith in Christ rather than by the word of the Church, and when with fearless honesty he attacked the insincerity and worldliness of the Church, the Pope wanted him silenced. But while Charles V was sympathetic to this desire, two things prevented immediate action. The Turk was threatening Europe, already attacking Vienna, and the Emperor had no time for heretics. Then, too, the German Electors and Princes protected Luther and Charles V did not care to risk war with them. But the insistence of the Pope made Charles sign the edict banning Luther from the Empire. How was it to be enforced?

The Diet

A diet was a convention and when the time seemed ripe again to take up this question of Luther and his protectors, the Emperor issued a call to the rulers of Germany to meet at Augsburg, in April, 1530. On suggestion of von Brueck, advisor to the Elector of Saxony, Luther's staunch friend, it was decided to draw up an outline of Protestant faith to present to the diet. Luther, Jonas, Bugenhagen, and Melancthon were chosen to prepare it.

The resulting outline was submitted to the Lutheran leaders on March 27th at Torga and is known by the name of the city—the Torga Articles. They treat mostly of the Roman Catholic errors that the reformation sought to correct. Two other statements had been drawn up—the Schwabach Articles and the Marburg Articles, mainly Luther's work. On these three sources Melancthon wrote the Augsburg Confession. He sent it to Luther at Coburg in May, 1530, and received his unqualified approval.

Luther Not Present

Luther did not come to Augsburg because of the ban against him. He did not trust any safe-conduct that might be offered him by the Emperor. Many a reformer went to a martyr's death because he trusted a safe-conduct. The Pope's logic was that since a heretic is already damned, one need not keep one's word with him. There were constant messages going back and forth from Augsburg to Coburg so that Luther knew each step of the proceedings.

A Layman's Confession

While the theologians prepared the confession it was signed by the German rulers and presented by them as a statement of their belief. How brave they were! The Elector of Saxony well interpreted their position

when he said: "My electoral hat and my ermine are not so precious to me as the cross of Jesus Christ." On the day set for hearing the confession the Roman leaders began to fear its popularity and tried to have the manuscript submitted to the Emperor for private reading. But the Princes objected: "Our honor is at stake, we are accused publicly; publicly we ought to answer." Finally he consented to a public hearing the following day—June 25th.

The Reading

The chapel in which the diet was to meet only held about two hundred, but a great crowd surrounded the building, listening at windows and doors. The Emperor did not want this throng to hear the confession so he asked that it be read in Latin. But since they were on German soil they demanded the right to read in the German language. Bayer, a man with a "clear, strong, sonorous voice", read the great confession. Some of the priests tried to drown out his voice by discourteous coughing and conversation.

Charles V is said to have gone to sleep. Many Catholic Princes followed the reading with surprised interest, discovering how Dr. Eck, the Pope's accuser, had lied about the Protestant beliefs. And the people gathered around the chapel listened with rapt and joyous attention as at last they heard their faith correctly presented before the world. Lutherans could no longer be suppressed. June 25, 1530 became the real birth date of the Protestant Reformation.

Our Lutheran Confession

In some countries the Lutheran Church is known as the Church of the Augsburg Confession. To be a Lutheran one must accept this confession. It is true because it is built on the Word of God. It is not necessarily a statement of all that we believe because it was written as a defense against the particular attacks then being made by the Roman leaders.

A Tribute

Dr. C. P. Krauth in the Conservative Reformation says: "First in place and first in importance among those great documentary testimonials of the Church which came forth in the Reformation, is the Augsburg Confession. The man of the world should feel a deep interest in a document which bears to the whole cause of freedom as close a relation as the Declaration of Independence does to our own as Americans. It is our shield and sword, our ensign and our armor, the constitution of our state, the life of our body, the germ of our being. It is the bond of our union throughout the world, and by it and with it our Church, as a distinct organization, must stand and fall."

November 9, 1930

Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

WHAT DOES BROTHERHOOD MEAN?

Matthew 23:8; 1 John 3:17

To the Leader: This topic should encourage clear thinking as to the meaning of "the brotherhood of man". It should also be suggestive for some project that is to be undertaken in the spirit of Christian brotherhood. The following questions may be assigned for short talks: 1. Did Jesus teach duty limited to Christians? 2. Why was the Gospel to be preached "first to the Jews"? 3. Will Jesus' teaching as to brotherhood work in modern business? 4. How will the Christian boy apply the principle of brotherhood to his sports,

such as football? 5. Does Christian brotherhood stop at racial boundaries? 6. In what sense are all men brothers? 7. What can our League do to further the cause of Christian brotherhood? 8. Does Christian brotherhood imply that all men are equal?

Topic Digest

Brotherhood Through Christ

A great deal that is foolish has been written about the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. The fact that by creation God is the Father of everybody does in that sense make the world one family. But what good does it do to have blood relationship and act like strangers and even enemies? Real brotherhood demands that something more than a common physical origin bind us together. The family of God is made up of those who have been reborn through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. When our lives are surrendered to Christ, He changes our attitudes of suspicion and envy to real brotherly love.

Brothers-to-Be

All men are potential brothers. That is, they can be brothers if they will. We ought to see every man as a brother-to-be. It should be our deepest desire to help them find Christ and through Him come to the relation of brotherhood with others. We should treat all men with the assurance that Jesus Christ died for them. He offered Himself to everybody. Rich or poor, wise or foolish, young or old. So we should offer ourselves to those whom we might win into the family of God. Scott's old servant, Tom Purdie, once remarked: "Sir Walter always speaks to every man as though he was a born brother." That is the attitude that wins.

Brothers First?

It is true the gospel seems to teach that our first duty is to "our own". Some people like to avoid the responsibility of foreign missions by saying our first duty is at home and until that is met we are not responsible for other nations. So far as the gospels teach, home as the starting place for Christian service, they are simply teaching a definite economy. If we cannot do everything that needs doing we should apply our lives where they will do the most good. But parables like the good Samaritan and commands like the Great Commission show us that Jesus was out to win the world. Human need is the call of God and it does not make any difference whence it comes.

A Balanced Mission

We must not be so far-sighted in our search for the brotherly opportunity that we miss seeing the needy brothers on our street. Hogarth, the cartoonist, once pictured a man in the debtor's prison working out a system for paying off the national debt of Britain. So we may miss our nearest opportunity for service by keeping our eyes afar.

On the other hand, we must not be near-sighted, permitting the need in our city to blind us to a Santo Domingo swept by the winds, or a China wracked by revolution. Wherever there is any human need, at home or abroad, there are obligations of brotherhood. Wherever there are men one with us in fact of blood, who are not yet one with us in Christ, there is a call to help them to the full rights of brotherhood in Christ.

Sudden before my inward open vision,
Millions of faces crowded up to view;
Sad eyes that said, "For us no provision,
Give us your Saviour, too."

"Give us," they cry, "your cup of consolation,
Never to our outreaching hands 'tis passed,
We long for the Desire of any nation,
And oh! we die so fast!"

November 16, 1930

Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity JESUS AS AN EXAMPLE OF STEWARDSHIP

John 17:1-7; Luke 2:49

To the Leader: You are seeking to show by the stewardship of Jesus how we should respect the obligation of stewardship. There are many books that will be helpful in preparing this topic. "Not Slothful In Business", by Rev. H. A. Bosch; "Administering God's Gifts", by Mr. George Louis Rinkliff, and "Workers With God", by Dr. W. H. Greever. The following are entirely suggestive and may or may not be suited to your particular program: 1. Invite the Treasurer of the church to explain the budget of the church. 2. Ask a pastor or a deaconess to speak on the stewardship of life. 3. Does stewardship apply to talents? 4. Why should the Church specially stress stewardship these days? 5. How far should you go in telling others how much they ought to give to the Church? 6. Debate: Resolved, That the name of the Life Service Department should be changed to the Stewardship of Life Department.

The Prayer of John 17

Melanchthon in his last lecture said, "There is no voice which has ever been heard either in heaven or in earth, more exalted, more holy, more fruitful, more sublime, than the prayer offered up by the Son of God Himself. It is a prayer that arose in a crisis hour in the life of Christ. He gathered up the retrospect of His past and surveyed the future of His Church." He gave account of His stewardship and now returns to the Father His own with interest. He fairly claims that He has lived with one purpose, the purpose of the Father, and now His work is nearly done. There is a complete merging of His will with the Father's, so that every word, every thought, every deed was governed by His love of the Father. This is the stewardship ideal.

There are at least four parts to stewardship and we shall apply them one by one to the life of Christ to see how perfectly He was the Good Steward. Acquiring, spending, saving, accounting, are the four, and they do not apply to money alone.

Acquiring

Jesus acquired knowledge, was faithful at school and missed no opportunity of learning as is shown by the incident on His first trip to Jerusalem of His talk with the doctors. His knowledge of the Hebrew scriptures was amazing. He worked at the trade of His father, so He acquired money. He practiced the presence of God, prayed often and God became His possession, more real than the men who came to His carpenter shop with their broken ox yokes to mend.

Spending

He spent Himself with divine discrimination. Sometimes He left the crowds to talk with one endangered soul. He knew where His sacrifice would mean the most. He concentrated on twelve humble people with a world to win. Yet this investment was the best He could possibly have made. He spent Himself without a selfish consideration whenever He found human need. Finally He spent His blood, but that blood bought our redemption.

Saving

Jesus had a fine regard for that which was worth most. He went away from the crowds at times to lonely places to pray and read. He never squandered a single holy power. He saved Himself at times that when the supreme moment arrived He would have Himself to give.

Accounting

As in this prayer, our Lord made His accounting to God. He knew what He had to give, what He had

spent, how He had spent, and in a simple, unassuming truth, He tells the Father.

Our Example

Consider these four parts of stewardship in the light of the example. How far can we follow Him?

The Choice

Only so much of power each day—
So much nerve force brought in play;
If it goes for politics or trade,
Ends gained or money made,
You have it not for the soul and God—
The choice is yours to soar or plod.

So much water in the mill;
It may go to turn the miller's wheel
Or sink in the desert, or flow on free
To brighten its banks, in meadows green,
Till broadening out, fair fields between,
It streams to the moon-enchanted sea.

Only so little power each day;
Week by week days slide away;
Ere the life goes, what shall it be—
A trade—a game—a mockery,
Or the gate of a rich Eternity?—Edgar Rowland Sill

November 23, 1930

Last Sunday after Trinity

THINGS FOR WHICH WE SHOULD BE THANKFUL

Psalm 103:1-13

To the Leader: Thanksgivings may degenerate into a rehearsal of the signs of material prosperity. Keep spiritual blessings in the fruit. 1. Have five members speak on the five things that have happened since last Thanksgiving for which I am most thankful. 2. Debate: Resolved, That there should be no special days of thanksgiving.

Topic Digest

Bless God

Usually we ask God to bless us. What self-centered praying we do! The psalmist looked into God's loving heart and saw there the miracle of His desire for our love and gratitude. Let us add the note of blessing, of thanksgiving and praise to all our prayers. More time should be spent in praise and less in begging. The surest way to the spirit of praise is to begin to "count your blessings". Name them one by one. Count your blessings. See what God hath done. This is what the psalmist does in our lesson.

Forgiveness

This is our deepest need. "Thou shalt call His name Jesus for He will save His people from their sins." "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world." So is the forgiveness of sins bound up with the coming of Christ. Men say: "I will forgive just once more, then he must face the music." The psalmist says: "He forgiveth all mine iniquities." Truly we have come to thank Him for forgiveness of sins.

Healing

Perhaps we have not been seriously ill, will He keep us well? We should be the more thankful. Disease came by way of sin. As He forgave sins, He also healed sickness. But God does not do for us what we can do for ourselves. Today he guides the hand of the surgeon, and gives wisdom to the mind of the physician. He still heals. And oftimes the prayer of the believing disciple tips the balance between life and death. "He healeth all thy diseases."

Redemption

God preserves the life He saves. All of us can note times in our lives when only the hand of God saved us from destruction. It might have been danger to life and limb. Or it might have been the more dreadful danger to our souls. Beyond the experiences we can recall our numberless times when without our knowing it we

have been in danger and He redeemed our lives from destruction.

Crowning

Now the psalmist goes beyond the thought of sin to the positive blessings that make life worth living. What beautiful words—loving kindness and tender mercies. It is the father relationship with God that crowns our lives. Freed from sin and its consequences, we enjoy the privilege of children of God. What love! What kindness! What tenderness! What mercy!

Satisfaction

"Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle?" "My God shall supply all your need" is but another way of putting it. All that satisfies in life, all that makes one feel free as a soaring eagle, all that makes us happy came from God. To Him be the thanks.

Bless the Lord

Let us consider in our own lives how much we owe God. As we have found forgiveness, healing, redemption, crowning and satisfaction, let us forget not the giver of every good and perfect gift.

November 30, 1930

First Sunday in Advent

OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL

I Corinthians 9:16; Romans 1:14-16

Leader: We have had in our Luther League programs a number of question subjects. This subject carries no question with it. It is not "Who is responsible", but "Our responsibility". It asks no questions but makes a statement of the fact that we have a responsibility. I want to ask who has a right to tell me that I have a responsibility for spreading the gospel? I have heard this word until I am almost tired of it. When I was a child and had a task given to me I was rather pleased when my mother said, "I will hold you responsible." Then when I grew a little older I had other responsibilities thrust on me. They were all right. They made me feel important; but when I grew still older and heard "responsibility" at every turn, I became somewhat annoyed. I really don't care for so many responsibilities. Now, I come to Luther League and am confronted with a statement concerning my responsibility to spread the gospel. Who can prove to me that I have any such responsibility? Whose is the responsibility that the gospel has not been spread? There is a certain group of people who are responsible for such things. Why aren't we willing to leave the responsibility where it belongs—with the missionaries and the preachers? I know that you are going to tell me the Great Commission says, "Go ye." But don't you really think that was intended for the disciples and not for the rest of us?

Second Member: Of course, it was intended for the disciples. So were many of the other things Jesus said; but we are not at all willing to say that some of these other statements were not intended for us also, and for all who are His followers. Would you be willing to say that Jesus' statement about His Father's house and the many mansions was intended only for the disciples in the upper room? Think how many people of all ages have been comforted by knowing that Jesus was speaking through His disciples to them when He said, "I go

to prepare a place for you." And would you be willing to say that Jesus meant only His twelve disciples when He said, "The good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep"? I think that you must be consistent. If some of the things that Jesus said were meant for all of His followers, through all ages, then all of His statements were for us. Don't you think this is correct reasoning?

First Member: You may be right; but I can't quite see it your way. Is there anything else that Jesus said that makes you believe that there is any responsibility for me to spread the gospel?

Third Member: There certainly is. You can't get around it, either. You are perfectly willing to follow this other statement in your daily living—in your association with your fellow men. If you are honest it has to apply to those people who do not have the gospel. You know the verse that I have in mind: "Whatsoever you would that men should do to you, do even so to them." How's that for a real reason for making you feel your responsibility to spread the gospel? Change places in your mind with the Chinaman who is groping for something more real than the teachings of Confucius; or with the Japanese who is not satisfied with the worship of idols or even of his ancestors, and what would you have done to you? I believe that if you make it your purpose to follow the Golden Rule you must say that you have a responsibility to spread the gospel.

First Member: Yes, I know that is what I would want. I would not want to be without the gospel; but I am not so sure that the other people want what I would want. Why should I thrust it on them?

Third Member: Again I say, "Whatsoever you would that men should do to you, do you even so to them." Suppose you did not know what you needed, wouldn't you still want the greatest thing in the world?

Fourth Member: I would like to get into this discussion. I represent India—the country of our first Luther League missionary objective. Don't think that you can escape the responsibility of spreading the gospel in India if you govern your life by the Golden Rule. Thousands of people in India today mourn the death of Dr. Kugler, who accepted in such a glorious way her responsibility for spreading the gospel in India. Do you remember the letters that were published in the Luther League Review from some of the young men in Andhra Christian College? These letters were enthusiastic expressions of appreciation of what has been done for them. They express gratitude for the people who made it possible for Dr. Strock to spend his life in spreading the gospel in India. Possibly there are many who did not know before Dr. Strock began his work in India that they wanted the gospel spread among them; but now that they have been led into a knowledge of the truth, they would not be without the gospel. I mention Dr. Strock because he is connected with the India work in which our Luther League is especially interested. Andhra Christian College is helping settle a part of what I think is the Luther League's responsibility in spreading the gospel.

Have you read the leaflet that tells about the Indian who was told the gospel story? His question was not "Why did you come to bother us?", but "Why didn't you come sooner? So many have died."

Fifth Member: I think that what has been said about India applies to all of our mission stations. I believe that if you were a worshipper of Buddha in India, or a

follower of Mohammed in Persia, or a believer in the witch-doctors of Africa, you would want the Golden Rule followed in connection with the spreading of the gospel.

First Member: I am not so certain about that. I know that our missionaries have trouble in getting into the various countries. The people are satisfied and don't care to have the gospel thrust on them. Why shouldn't we let them alone?

Fifth Member: You are right about some of the attitudes. In some places the missionaries' lives are in danger. The people want something, but they are ignorant of what they want. They want the best that we have. We may give them a knowledge of our splendid school systems, of our laws of sanitation, of our railroad and communication facilities, but until we have given them our gospel we have not given them our greatest possession. Even if the Mohammedan, the Brahmin and the Confucianist do not want our gospel, we cannot fail to know that we have what is infinitely better than the religions with which they are partly satisfied. It is our responsibility to make them want the best, and it is also our responsibility to show them that the gospel of Christ is the best.

First Member: Well, you may be right. My discussion about wanting to be relieved of responsibility has only shown me a new responsibility. I can't get away from it. So what am I to do? How am I to meet this responsibility of spreading the gospel?

Second Member: Stanley Jones tells of a conversation with Mahatma Gandhi, who said in answer to a question of Mr. Jones: "I would suggest first that all of you Christians must begin to live more like Jesus Christ. Second," he said, "I would suggest that you must practice your religion without adulterating or toning it down. Third, I would suggest that you put more emphasis upon love, for love is the center and soul of Christianity. Fourth, I would suggest that you study the non-Christian religions and culture more sympathetically in order to find the good that is in them so that you might have a more sympathetic approach to the people." Mr. Jones says in speaking of these four suggestions: "This is remarkable. The greatest living non-Christian asks us not to adulterate or tone down our religion, but to take it in its rugged simplicity and high demand. Again, when Gandhi said that more emphasis should be put on love, he did not mean love as a sentiment, but love as a working force, the one real power in a moral universe, and he wanted it applied between individuals and groups and races and nations, the one cement and salvation of the world."

First Member: Well, it is rather strange that you should go to Gandhi for information concerning my responsibility in spreading the gospel, but I am inclined to believe that he was right. I believe that you have brought home to me the first important truth in connection with this responsibility. I must live the gospel every day if I want to meet my responsibility in spreading it. I must love the people of the world and know that all are God's children. Then I must learn more about the people of the world. I think that I am ready to accept the fact that I have a responsibility. Can you give me further information as to how this responsibility shall be met?

Third Member: We have let you make this too personal a matter. It is good that you have done that;

but we must begin now to talk not of your responsibility but of our responsibility. I believe, however, that we have worked out the answer. If we live more like Jesus Christ; if we practice our religion without adulteration; if we love the people of the world and recognize that there are so many who are like sheep without a shepherd, who are not of Christ's fold; and if we take time to sympathetically study world conditions and world people, our share of spreading the gospel will be accomplished. We will tell the gospel story in our everyday lives in such a way that those to whom we tell it will tell it again and again; we will be ready to give in order that others who have been especially chosen will be enabled to tell the story to the uttermost parts of the earth. It may be that our telling of the story by our living will be in our own home communities or in more remote communities. Whether it is in North America, or South America, or India, or Porto Rico, the telling and the living and the giving will be in the same spirit.

First Member: Well, I have certainly had given to me at this meeting the thing that I said that I did not want—that is any more feeling of responsibility; but I have learned that it is mine, whether I accept it or not. I do not want to fail to do my part in anything as great and important as this. I am going to think over the matter some more in order that I may learn how far short I have come of meeting my responsibility. I shall pray more, and I am confident that my missionary contributions will increase. If the rest of you have been made to think more, I am glad. It seems that right here in our meeting there has been the beginning of a greater spreading of the gospel. Let us pray.

Prayer

Dear Father, we come to Thee with joy in the knowledge that Thou art our Father; we come with the knowledge that Thou art the Father of many who know not of the Fatherhood. We pray that we may have the fullest joy that should be ours in the knowledge of Thy love for us; and we pray for those who have not this joy. May they learn of Thee and of Thy love for them. May each member of our group be fully conscious of the responsibility that is ours in making this joy possible for all people. We thank Thee for the privilege that we have had of studying of our own responsibility. We would have thrust this responsibility lightly aside. Help us to live day by day with the knowledge of Thy love to us. Give us the joy that this knowledge should bring us. Empty our hearts of selfish desires and fill them with love for Thee and for all of Thy children. Show us our responsibility and opportunity and give us a burning desire to meet this responsibility happily and joyfully. Guide us as we go away determined to spread the gospel and give us such serious thought of our responsibility in spreading the gospel that we will not withhold anything that we have that should be surrendered in making Christ known to the world. In His name we ask it. Amen.

Intermediate Division

November 2, 1930

BEING A CHRISTIAN IN THE HOME

Colossians 3:20-25
Daily Bible Readings

Sunday, Colossians 3:20-25; Monday, Ephesians 6:1-9; Tuesday, II Peter 2:13-20; Wednesday, II Timothy 1:1-6; Thursday,

II Timothy 2:1-14; Friday, II Timothy 2:15-26; Saturday, Luke 2:41-52.

To Leader: Instructions in the method of handling the topic are embodied in my general letter. Refer to them and request your superintendent to help you in their use.

The Topic

1. Leader: What part does the home play in our training in the Christian way of life?

Leaguer: The most important part. More than even the church, because the church is dependent on the home for much of the good it may do for us boys and girls. Without the exemplary Christian life of parents, children, when they begin to think for themselves, will generally see no value in the program of the church, because their parents express no felt need for it. A Christian home influence is an inspiration to children to love the things their parents love.

The League: Why do children whose parents are true Christians deny the faith of their parents? How account for the zealous Christian life of many young people who lack positive Christian influence and training in the home?

2. Leader: Our Bible lesson tells us that we should obey our parents in all things. Supposing our parents are unreasonable in their demands upon us and even ask us to do un-Christian things, do you think the Lord expects us to obey them under such conditions?

Leaguer: I certainly do not. The Bible clearly says that we are to obey God rather than men, and this includes our parents if they go counter to God's will. In verse 21 of our lesson we read: "Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged." A discouraged child is usually a disobedient child, that is, he will do many things under cover and without the knowledge of his parents. Such a situation is pathetic. Our parents should expect only reasonable things from us. However, when we are asked by our parents to do wrong things we should frankly refuse, giving, of course, our reasons for so doing.

The League: If you feel called to be a doctor, is it right for you to surrender your life's ambition for the sake of your parents and take up another vocation? If God calls you to be a preacher or a deaconess, have your parents a right to stand in your way? What good influence can Christian children exert on their faithless parents?

3. Leader: Our topic is "Being Christian in the Home". Is it harder being a Christian in the home than it is anywhere else?

Leaguer: It should not be, but often many boys and girls seem to act as if it is. At least, they show greater consideration for others outside the home than they do for those at home. They wear their best smile too often for their friends, while their petty evils are left at home.

The League: Is it to be a Christian when a child is cross to mother or father and kind to outsiders? What do you say of the child who is always bitter toward his brothers and sisters, but nice to other boys and girls?

4. Leader: Give several explanations for the situation just described.

First Leaguer: Because children take too much for granted in the home. They are constantly receiving good things from their parents without sensing any need of returning thanks or showing appreciation. A little gift from a friend often provokes more gratitude than the many precious gifts received from parents.

Second Leaguer: Because parents and children are together much of the time. This brings them in contact with one another's moods, which are not always pleasant, and the result is a clash of opinions and personalities. This makes it hard to keep a level head at all times.

Third Leaguer: Because we know too much about one another in the home. Our little faults are known to one another, and when a squabble ensues we nag among ourselves. Whereas, outside the home we try to wear our best face and are more apt to tolerate the weaknesses in others.

The League: Are these three reasons sufficient to warrant us being unkind and unpleasant in the home? Discuss this point. Can you suggest other causes that might contribute to our uncharitable attitude in the home? What about selfishness? Has laziness anything to do with it? Isn't the give and take method a good policy to follow inside the home?

5. Leader: To be a Christian in the home must we accept certain duties cheerfully along with our school work?

First Leaguer: Why not? It surely isn't a question of time. All of us can do our school work well and still be of reasonable help to our parents.

Second Leaguer: Of course we must, and we should help at home. I don't consider a boy or girl a Christian who doesn't help their parents when they need it.

Third Leaguer: My opinion is that children who help their parents appreciate and love them more than would otherwise be possible.

The League: In a home where there is plenty of servant help, are there ways in which it is possible for children to assist their parents? Mention some of them. Should parents be unreasonable in their demands upon the spare time of their children?

Leader: Now I am going to ask several general questions:

1. Is it a Christian thing to argue with our parents?
2. Should we find fault with the way mother does things or with how she dresses?
3. Some children are ashamed to go out with their parents because they are not dressed in the latest fashion. What do you say of such children?
4. I know of children who make their parents go in debt in order to purchase more up-to-date furniture or an automobile, etc. Is that being a Christian?
5. What do you intend doing with mother and father in the event they become dependent upon you in their old age? Will you give them a home?

November 9, 1930

THE BLESSINGS OF PEACE AND THE CURSE OF WAR

Isaiah 2:4

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday, Isaiah 2:1-5; Monday, Genesis 2:1-22; Tuesday, Luke 1:76-80; Wednesday, Luke 2:8-20; Thursday, I Timothy 2:1-8; Friday, Romans 14:17-23; Saturday, Matthew 5:1-12.

To Leader: Instructions in the method of handling the topic are embodied in my general letter. Refer to them and request your superintendent to help you in their use.

The Topic

Leader: I believe that all true liberty-loving people ascribe to the principle that "all men are born free and equal". For our purpose I would interpret the meaning of this to be "all men by birth in the image of God should be free men and enjoy equal opportunities in the

pursuit of peace and happiness." I don't believe that God made man for any other pursuit than that of full use and enjoyment of all the blessings He so abundantly lavished upon him.

1. Leader: What is your opinion concerning God's purpose in creating man from the account of the creation of Adam in Genesis 2:7-22?

First Leaguer: Before God made man all that He had previously made was pronounced "good". Thus man was provided with beautiful surroundings and wholesome conditions of livelihood.

Second Leaguer: In addition, God provided man with an occupation. He was directed to dress the out-of-door home God provided for him. Thus God intended that man should enjoy the blessings of peaceful and beneficial pursuits.

2. Leader: Would you say then that war is contrary to the purposes of God?

Leaguer: Yes. God meant that man should live in peace with himself and his Maker. But the disobedience of Adam in eating of the forbidden fruit opened up the way for all manner of criminal acts, even to the slaughter of man by his own brother, as in the case of Cain killing his brother Abel.

3. Leader: Why did God permit such a sad condition to prevail among His own people?

Leaguer: Because God wanted man to be a free agent, and once man took things in his own hands the only way to bring him back to his senses was by allowing him to learn by experience.

4. Leader: In His own good way did God provide means for man's return to normal ways of peace and happiness?

Leaguer: Yes. God was forever speaking to His people through patriarchs, prophets, kings, and finally through His own Son, whom Isaiah declared the "Prince of Peace".

5. Leader: But Jesus in Matthew 10:34 said, "I came not to send peace, but a sword." What did He mean by such a statement?

Leaguer: Jesus here was not referring to war in His use of the term sword. By it He means that the truth which He was proclaiming would bring about a conflict with false teachings; but with the added promise of being with those who fought on the side of righteousness. In other words, Christ came to wage warfare against the very evils that cause men to go to war.

6. Leader: We have gone to some length in our introductory study of the topic for the purpose of showing to what extent God has gone in order to bring man to a voluntary choice of doing the right thing toward his fellows and to his God. Now we will pay stricter attention to the topic as it has been stated for us.

7. Leader: First we are to study some of the blessings of peace. Why would you say that peace times offer definite blessings to men?

League: Because in peace times men are unhindered in the pursuit of normal and purposeful endeavors.

8. Leader: Mention several great blessings of peace.

First Leaguer: The period of peace is the time for purpose building. Each one of us is born for some definite purpose. God has a plan for each of us. A hint of this is made in Ephesians 4:11 (Read.) Many a young man's purpose has been dissipated on account of war.

Second Leaguer: Life building is another blessing of peace. Jesus, we are told, grew in wisdom and stat-

ure and in favor with God and man. This four-fold development constitutes all of what any of us can realize for himself in a lifetime. Everything about war is just the opposite of what is implied in this four-fold life plan.

Third Leader: Another blessing is that of home building. The unit of society is the home. God ordered the patriarchal father of the Hebrew race "to be fruitful and multiply". The rearing of God-fearing children and the multiplying of interests, until the home becomes the center of every ambition and deed, is God's will. War destroys the home.

Fourth Leader: Still another blessing is divine building. We are made in the image of God, and to grow toward divine perfection we must be freed from the embitterments, hatreds and sordid influences of war.

7. Leader: Other blessings of peace have doubtless occurred to the League. So for the next few minutes I'll give members a chance to express themselves.

8. Leader: The second part of our topic concerns the curses of war. Briefly let us enumerate a few of them.

First Leaguer: War interferes with the normal activities of men. It turns man's mind from constructive activities to those of destruction.

Second Leaguer: War undoes in a short time what it has taken generations to accomplish.

Third Leaguer: It engenders hatreds and enmities that sooner or later will flame up and cause another war.

Fourth Leaguer: It is ruinous to the morals and health of nations. Today there are hundreds of thousands of young men and women with sickly and maimed lives because of the World War. And certainly the low moral tone of this generation is attributable in great part to the same cause.

Fifth Leaguer: The needless sorrow in millions of homes the world over is still another curse of war.

Sixth Leaguer: War makes beasts of men.

The League: Let the League offer still other evil results that are attributable to war.

November 16, 1930

HOW SHALL I SPEND MY TIME?

Psalm 90:12; Colossians 4:5
Daily Bible Readings

Sunday, Psalm 90:12; Colossians 4:5; Monday, Luke 4:16-30; Tuesday, Psalm 32; Wednesday, Luke 18:1-8; Thursday, James 1:22-27; Friday, John 9:1-7; Saturday, Luke 6:12-19.

To Leader: Instructions in the method of handling the topic are embodied in my general letter. Refer to them and request your superintendent to help you in their use.

The Topic

Leader: The time element in the life of boys and girls our age isn't considered of very great importance. One thing certain about time with us is that there isn't enough of it to satisfy most of us, especially in which to do the many things we like to do. Some people consider time as a heavy taskmaster. Others so divide their time that they derive a great deal of pleasure and benefit in the use of it. There is still another group of folks who abuse time and who think that they can do with time as they please.

1. Leader: What would you say is the best arrangement for us with regard to the division of time?

Leaguer: My opinion is that everyone should budget their time just as some men do with their income. In this way everything that we must get done in a given time stands a chance of being done.

The League: What results from a slipshod use of time? Do people who fail in systematizing their day accomplish as much as those who budget it? Why?

2. Leader: At the outset of our lesson I said that the time element doesn't weigh very heavily on us at our age. Is there any connection between the way we use time now and the success we hope to realize later?

First Leaguer: Yes. The Bible says: "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." It occurs to me that the psalmist here has in mind something like the budgeting of our days in order to assure for ourselves permanent peace and satisfaction.

Second Leaguer: I think, too, that what is meant is this, that no period in our life is meant to be wasted, because what we do now in our youth will pretty surely tell what we will be doing later in life.

The League: Does the psalmist mean that we are to be constantly at study, and not take time off for other useful pursuits? What then does he mean?

3. Leader: How then would you say that one's time should be spent?

First Leaguer: Someone has said: "There's time for work and there's time for play." That sounds sensible to me.

Second Leaguer: To me also, because a mixture of work and play is a good thing. Too much work is discouraging and harmful. On the other hand, too much play and no work is tiresome and monotonous.

Third Leaguer: I agree with my two friends. An old adage says, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." Science has made it possible for us to do our work with little or no drudgery, and our great industrial leaders are shortening the days of their employees. This is as it should be.

The League: How does play fit us for better work? Would you say that certain kinds of work help us at our play? How? Do you think that a professional sportsman gets as much real fun out of play as does the amateur sportsman? Give your reasons.

4. Leader: If you have home work to do and are planning to spend the evening away from home, should you prepare your lessons before going out or get up early next morning and do them?

First Leaguer: I like to do my lessons right after school, because then I'm sure of having them prepared.

Second Leaguer: I like to do mine early next morning, because my mind is keener then.

The League: Debate the answer of these two Leaguers. Take a vote.

5. Leader: Supposing I make a schedule of one day's time and we'll see how it fits into the plans of the rest of you. (To leader: Use a blackboard. Put down in order as follows: Number of hours for sleep, for eating, for preparation of lessons, hours spent in school, at play, for reading, for entertainment and social life, helping at home, etc.)

6. Leader: There are 168 hours in a week. How many of them do we spend in worship and in the doing of good?

7. If we tithed our time we would give the Lord almost 17 hours each week. What is the most we usually give?

8. Would you credit to the worship of God the time spent in the reading of good books?

9. What is the danger in putting off doing a thing until some more convenient time?

10. Is it honest to say that we didn't have time to do something, when actually we didn't give thought to it?

11. A good way to get things done is to make a list the night before of whatever you must do on the following day, checking off each item as you complete them. What do you think of such a plan?

November 23, 1930

IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS

Daniel 6:10; I Thessalonians 5:18
Daily Bible Readings

Sunday, Daniel 6:10-15; Monday, I Thessalonians 5:14-28; Tuesday, Romans 5:1-11; Wednesday, Luke 18:9-14; Thursday, Mark 8:1-9; Friday, Psalm 100; Saturday, Philippians 4:5-9.

To Leader: Instructions in the method of handling the topic are embodied in my general letter. Refer to them and request your superintendent to help you in their use.

The Topic

Leader: The way our topic is phrased we are led to believe that we are to give thanks for all things, whether good or bad. On first thought this is asking too much, yet the Bible enjoins it and I believe that with careful study we will learn the meaning of giving thanks for good and bad things.

1. Leader: Who is responsible for us having the good things of life?

Leaguer: God is. James writes in his epistle, chapter 1, verse 7: "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

2. Leader: Does God give to all men alike?

Leaguer: Yes. Matthew 5:45 reads, "He maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."

3. Leader: If God gives good gifts to all men, why do not all men share alike in those gifts?

Leaguer: For the same reason that a pint measure won't hold a quart. Man in his capacity to lay hold of God's gifts accounts for the difference. To some men God gives ten talents, to others a less number of talents.

4. Leader: Would you say on the basis of the above answer that a man with but one talent has less to be thankful for than the man having more talents?

Leaguer: No. Because a contented one-talented person can be just as happy as the man with more talents.

The League: Do the members of the League agree with that answer?

5. Leader: I believe that we all agree to the proposition that all of us should be thankful for all things. What then are we to be thankful for?

First Leaguer: I am thankful in having Christian parents and a good home.

Second Leaguer: To that I add my gratitude to God for the Church and all that it stands for, both here and in eternity.

Third Leaguer: I'm thankful for good schools, for our country and for all the institutions that contribute to our happiness and well being.

Fourth Leaguer: I give thanks for the opportunity to choose and follow out my life's work without interference from outside sources.

Fifth Leaguer: We have much to be thankful for, too, for good health and the means to keep ourselves strong in body and mind.

Sixth Leaguer: We certainly cannot get along without friends, so I'm grateful for friendship.

Leader: Many other blessings can easily be mentioned. So I'll ask the League to name some more of

them. (If convenient use a blackboard. List the things the Leaguers are thankful for. Vote on the list in order of their merit.)

6. Leader: It is not difficult to understand why we should give thanks for good things. We all agree, I believe, to that. But to give thanks for bad things is another matter. Can any Bible character help us to understand the meaning of this?

Leaguer: Yes. Paul in II Corinthians 12:10 says, "Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then I am strong."

7. Leader: Was Paul actually thankful for the hardships of life as a soldier of Christ, as over against the ease and advantage he enjoyed before that time?

First Leaguer: Yes. The reason being because by enduring hardships for Christ a lot of finer qualities of character were being developed than was otherwise possible.

Second Leaguer: In the verse before the one just quoted Paul in speaking of Jesus, said: "My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness." Paul here is speaking about the grace of God, admitting that God's strength infused in his weakness such power as to enable him to do great things.

Third Leaguer: And Paul preferred God's strength rather than his own. By it his infirmities were made to reflect the power of Christ.

Fourth Leaguer: In Romans 5:3, 4, Paul sets forth the good results of a seemingly bad situation. He says, "Tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope."

The League: Discuss in your own words the good that comes out of trials, sorrows, financial difficulties, etc. Tell how character is strengthened through such things. Also tell how the Christian, because of limitations, is compelled to throw himself back on the mercy and goodness of God.

8. Leader: How can such a dreadful thing as war become a source of gratitude?

9. Leader: Is there anything to be thankful for in the burning down of our home?

10. Leader: Should the death of a loved one cause us much gratitude?

11. Leader: Why are we Christians thankful for the sufferings, death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour? Should we want any easier a life than our Master?

November 30, 1930

WHAT HAS CHRIST GIVEN US TO SHARE WITH OTHERS?

Acts 3:6

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday, Acts 3:1-11; Monday, Luke 21:1-4; Tuesday, Acts 5:1-11; Wednesday, Mark 12:41-44; Thursday, Matthew 19:16-21; Friday, Genesis 45:1-15; Saturday, Genesis 45:16-28.

To Leader: Instructions in the method of handling the topic are embodied in my general letter. Refer to them and request your superintendent to help you in their use.

The Topic

Leader: Most of us are liable to think that we have precious little that Christ gives us with which to share with others. It is the common dream of us all to have lots of money to spend in doing some great service to our fellow men. We read so much about the great humanitarian service some rich people render their fellow men, and are tempted to conclude that because we

lack in money, the things we can do are of no consequence.

1. Leader: Should we take that attitude in the matter?

First Leaguer: No. While money can become the means of doing a great deal of good, yet money does not buy everything. There is value in service outside the expenditure of money.

Second Leaguer: If I give my life through Jesus to others I am doing more good than if I gave a million dollars and withheld my life.

The League: Discuss the proposition: "Ten Missionaries in India Do More Good Than \$1,000,000."

2. Leader: What usually happens when people, who in their poverty declare what they would do to help others if they had riches, suddenly come by great wealth? Does a large percentage of such people do what they declare they would do?

Leaguer: No. In fact, most of those people forget all about their fine declarations. What's more, they spend their wealth very often in a very shameful way.

3. Leader: With this brief introductory study I believe that we agree with the apostle Peter, "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee." As Peter gave the lame man more than silver and gold could buy, so all of us possess greater blessings and riches to bestow upon others in the name of Christ. What are some of these blessings?

First Leaguer: I believe that the first great gift we have all received from Jesus to share with others is love. Love isn't single. It must have a counterpart. Because God is love, He gave His only begotten Son to draw all men unto Him in love. Love is one thing we can't keep. It must be shared with others to live. How we like to sing, "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go". Christ's unhappiest moments when He trod this earth were when men withheld their love from Him. At such times He was lonely. If Christ is in us, love will go out from us.

The League: Discuss some fine examples of men loving their fellows.

Second Leaguer: We have as Christians a wonderful faith to share with others. We are taught not to hide our light under a bushel. Surely our faith in Jesus is the beacon light that shines through life to dispell many dark experiences. Just as surely do we know of people at home and across the seas who are without such light. Giving to missions, praying for missionaries and their work, doing of inner mission work, are some of the ways to share our faith with others.

Third Leaguer: A third way to share with others is by means of common courtesies. There's great danger of us wanting to do big things for others and missing out in doing the little things, which after all make a person big. We argue too much about who has the "right-of-way", when it would be more Christ-like to give the other fellow the advantage. What I mean is this: being considerate of other people's feelings, not being high hat, but in all things "in honor preferring one another".

Fourth Leaguer: The Lord has given us faces with smiles; lips that speak kind and helpful words; eyes that see the beautiful in man and things; hands that serve and hearts that love—these can all be brought into service for others. How often, however, they are the instruments to harm.

The League: Discuss how as a League you can render helpful and loving service to others.

Fifth Leaguer: Still another Christ-given blessing is that of dedicating to others our vocational services. Some of us may become doctors, lawyers, business men, scientists, and what not? Honest and fair dealing with men in whatever occupation we may find ourselves in later life, should be our aim as Christians. If all Christian people gave themselves to others, as Christ gave Himself to us, what a different world this would be!

4. Leader: Five very fine suggestions have been made so far on the topic, "What Has Christ Given Us to Share With Others?" Supposing I call for other suggestions. Who can name and discuss a few others?

5. Leader: We spoke about the importance of gifts of riches as opposed to gifts of meagerness. We agreed that sharing with others is dependent more upon the mind of the giver than upon the size of his pocket-book. Some member read Luke 21:1-4, to see what Jesus says about the matter.

6. In Acts 5:1-11 a peculiar incident is related. Someone read the first three verses and tell if the little that Ananias withheld from the Lord or the lie he told was responsible for his death.

7. Leader: Did Ananias act selfish in keeping a little of the money for himself?

8. What is the one outstanding gift Jesus shares with the world?

Junior Division

November 2, 1930

SUGAR IS SWEET

Materials: Order from Literature Headquarters, 723 Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Book: "Sugar Is Sweet", by Dorothy F. McConnell and Margaret E. Forsyth. Cloth, \$1.00; paper, 75 cents.

Leaflets: "Shoes", a story by Frieda M. Hoh, R. N.—2 cents each, 10 cents per dozen. "The Call of the West Indies"—Free.

Program V

The School on the Shining Beach

Preparation: Appoint committee of Juniors to plan worship period. Give leaflet, "Shoes", to one Junior to tell briefly. Prepare responses for Responsive Prayer (page 74 of book) either putting them on blackboard or on slips of paper, one for each child.

Quiet Music: One verse of opening hymn.

Opening Hymn: "I Want To Be a Christian" or "I Would Be True".

Responsive Prayer: Page 74 of book.

Memory Verses: Psalm 19, a song of a poet-king, verses 7, 8, 9.

Quiz: If the quiz on the West Indies was taken home for answers, the papers may be gone over at this time, one Junior reading his answers while others check their own papers according to decision of leader as to whether the answer read is correct.

Story: The School On the Shining Beach—Page 29 in book. Told by leader.

Repeat Memory Verses.

Leader: Our story told how Salvador found it hard to go to school, and of the beautiful poems he made. Wouldn't you like to try to make up a song yourself, or a verse as Salvador did? Suppose we all try to see what we can bring for our next meeting, something we have made up ourselves. Now Mary will tell us of another boy who was happy when he finally succeeded in going to school.

Story: "Shoes", told briefly by Junior.

Prayer for our work in the West Indies, by leader.

Closing Hymn: "Beautiful Saviour".

Activity: Finish work on Picture Map. If guests are to be invited to next session, make invitation cards decorated with flower or bird stickers, or with the ship design as described on page 86 of book.

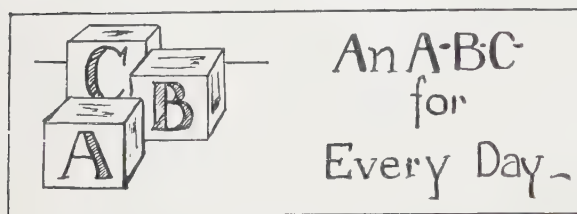
Continue work on Christmas box project which should be mailed during November. Consult leaflet, "The Call of the West Indies".

Finish work on Picture Map.

Appoint committees to plan for closing session if that is to be a special occasion with guests.

(Prepared under direction of Light Brigade Department,
Women's Missionary Society)

November 9, 1930



(Catechism)

Psalm 90:12

(By Rev. E. A. Chamberlin)

Note: Use the blackboard sketch while studying these topics on the Catechism. Have one of the Juniors draw it on the blackboard.

Topic

People felt it was a book for every day to such an extent that for several years after the Catechism was published it was impossible to supply the demand made for it. In churches of the time the choir boys read responsively the entire catechism each Sunday before the sermon, because it so well was adapted to everyday life. The statements of the little book are appropriate for old as well as young. It teaches simple goodness, the beauty of personal faith, and the supremacy of Christ and His Word.

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November 16, 1930

DO WE SAY "THANK YOU" TO GOD?

Psalm 103:1-5

(By Wilhelmina Behlmer)

In the beautiful picture, "The Angelus", which Jean Francois Millet has painted, we see two peasants standing with bowed heads and praying to God. In the distance the church bell is sounding the angelus, and these two people have stopped their work to say "Thank you" to God for all the good things that He has given them through the day.

David, the writer of the Psalms, realized the blessings that God gave him and always gave thanks for them. Let us read Psalm 103, verses one to five, and notice what we should thank God for.

First. God forgives our iniquities. We have sinned and have done wrong things, but God has promised to forgive us of them if we only believe and ask Him for forgiveness. Do we say "Thank you" because God forgives our sins?

Second. God heals all our diseases. Sometimes we do not take care of our bodies. We eat foods that are not good for us, we do not wear proper clothing, or perhaps we play too hard, and then our bodies become diseased. But God takes care of us and with the doctor's help and the proper medicine we are well again. Do we say "Thank you" to God for our healthy bodies?

Third. God will redeem our lives from destruction. Every day we commit some kind of sin. Sometimes we think evil thoughts and sometimes we are unkind to our friends. We are indeed full of sin and should be destroyed, but God sent His Son into the world to save us from sin, and if we believe in Him and ask Him to save us we will be forgiven. Do we say "Thank you" to God for Jesus Christ who came to redeem us?

Fourth. God crowns us with loving kindness and tender mercies. He has given us a home, loving mothers, and fathers, sisters and brothers. He has made us happy with fine schools, good teachers, and joyful playmates. Do we say "Thank you" for all these things?

Fifth. God satisfies our mouths with good things. He gives us nourishing foods for our bodies, so that we may grow and be strong to work for Him. Do we say "Thank you" for our good and wholesome food?

David realized all of these blessings, and he thanked God for them. In the psalm we have just studied we see his "Thank you" in every line.

How can we say "Thank you" to God? Is that not what we should ask at this Thanksgiving season?

We should set aside a special time every day to thank God. Let us do this as the peasants of old in the picture did.

Especially at Thanksgiving time we can say "Thank you" to God by sharing our blessings with others. Have you ever done a kind deed and received the blessing of a tender and appreciative smile? There are so many less fortunate than we. Let us share our gifts with them and thus say "Thank you" to God.

November 23, 1930

THE LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

Matthew 2:1-10

(By Mrs. Mabel G. Fenner)

Theme: The Little Town of Bethlehem.

Purpose: That appreciation and interest in the birthplace of our Saviour may be increased.

That knowledge of the location and history of Bethlehem may be acquired.

That as a result of this knowledge, appreciation and interest, Christmas may have a deeper meaning for the Juniors.

Preparation: For the Junior: The following assignments.

1. The entire class to memorize the first and last stanzas of "O Little Town of Bethlehem", No. 23 Parish School Hymnal.
2. A Junior to be prepared (with a map) to locate Bethlehem and to trace a journey from where he lives to Bethlehem.
3. A Junior to find out all he can concerning Bethlehem as it is today.
4. A Junior to find out all he can concerning Bethlehem as of long ago.
5. A Junior to be prepared to read the scripture references (Micah 5:2 and Matthew 2:6) and one to read the poem found under "Procedure".

For the leader: Secure the picture, "O Little Town of Bethlehem", by W. L. Taylor (Copley Prints, Pierce Building, Boston,

Mass.). "Bethlehem and the Christmas Story" in the National Geographic Magazine for December, 1929, will be found very helpful.

Suggestive Procedure

Piano Prelude: Hymn 23, P. S. H., played softly.

Leader: A few years ago there lived in Boston, Mass., a great preacher named Phillips Brooks. Everybody loved that great and good man, and he was so fond of boys and girls that he always welcomed them to his home, where he kept on hand a supply of games and toys for their amusement. One year he went on a long trip to visit the land in which Jesus lived. He planned his journey so that he would be in Bethlehem at the Christmas season; and as the silent stars looked down upon the darkened streets that Christmas night, Phillips Brooks' thoughts went back to the first good Christmas nineteen hundred years ago. Later he put those thoughts into a song for the boys and girls of his own Sunday School to sing, and Lewis H. Redner, the organist in Phillips Brooks' church, wrote the music.

Let us repeat together the verses we know of this beautiful hymn. (Do the Juniors understand the meaning of "the everlasting Light", "the hopes and fears of all the years", "Immanuel"?)

Discussion

Is Bethlehem very far from here? Phillips Brooks lived in Boston. I wonder in what direction he went to reach Bethlehem? I wonder if the little town is still called Bethlehem? John has brought a map, perhaps he can help answer these questions.

Bethlehem of Long Ago

"Four thousand years ago, Jacob, who was journeying near Bethlehem, lost his beloved wife Rachel and buried her north of Bethlehem. This tomb is considered a very sacred place today. Bethlehem was the home of David (I Samuel 18) and the adopted town of Ruth (Book of Ruth) and the birthplace of the Lord Jesus (Matthew 2; Luke 2). In the fields that lie at the foot of its terraces Ruth gleaned (Ruth 2), and on the grassy slopes outside the town shepherds listened to a heavenly choir (Luke 2)."

Bethlehem of Today

"There has never been any doubt as to its site. It is five miles south of Jerusalem, at the modern village of Beit Lahm, on the east and northern slope of a long ridge, which to the west is higher than the village. The town has several gates. The houses are mostly small, but well built. The inhabitants are mostly Christians. There are in the vicinity vineyards, orchards of fig trees and olive trees. The fields, though stony, produce grain abundantly, and at harvest gleaning may be seen as it was in the days of Ruth."

—From "A Dictionary of the Bible", by John D. Davis

Picture Study

Leader: Many, many people have journeyed to Bethlehem and like Phillips Brooks they have wanted to tell others about the little town in which Jesus was born. When Mr. Taylor, an artist, was there, he painted a very beautiful picture for us.

The picture may be shown while the first and last verses of Hymn 23 are sung. The pictures from the National Geographic (December, 1929) may be shown.

Leader: Bethlehem was only a little town, but God chose it as the birthplace of His Son. What does the Bible tell us about Bethlehem?

Scripture: Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:6.

Hymn No. 23—last verse sung as a prayer.

November 30, 1930

THE BEST GIFTS FOR JESUS

II Corinthians 8:5

(By Mrs. Mabel G. Fenner)

Purpose: 1. That the Juniors may have a deeper appreciation of God's gift to the world. 2. That they may realize that Christmas is a time for loving giving. 3. That they may desire to give their best to Jesus.

Preparation: For the pupils:

Memorize the passage, Luke 2:8-17.

Look up the meaning of "frankincense", "myrrh".

A Junior be prepared to read Matthew 2:1-11 or tell the story in his own words.

A Junior to read the poem and one to be prepared to offer a prayer thanking God for the gift of Jesus.

For the Leader: Be prepared to tell one of the stories suggested. Secure pictures.

Procedure

I. God's Best Gift

Hymn No. 21, P. S. H.: "Hark! How the Angels Sing."

Leader: December is here, the Christmas month. We might almost call it the giving month, for everyone is so busy preparing gifts for relations and friends. The windows of the toy shops, the florists, the candy stores, all seem to cry out "gifts! gifts! gifts!" How busy we all are getting our gifts ready and wondering, too, about those we hope to receive.

Christmas is such a happy time and the giving part is one of the happiest. It was the giving of a Gift that brought Christmas to us. What was this Gift? Why did God send His Son as a Gift to us? (John 3:16.) God gave the best, the most precious that He had, as a gift to us. Mary, will you (read or tell) the story of God's Christmas Gift to us? (Luke 2:8-17.)

Picture: A Nativity—one of your own choice.

Hymn: "Silent Night"—sing softly while looking at the picture.

Prayer by a Junior, thank God for the gift of Jesus.

II. The Gifts of the Wise Men

Leader: Many years before God sent His Son to us, He told some good men, called prophets, that some day He would send a Saviour into the world to show the people how to be good and how to be happy. This Saviour would be a King. (Refer to verses read last week—Matthew 2:6.) Many people forgot the words of the prophets and God's promise, but there were some who did not and they watched and waited for the coming of the little King.

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-11. The story read or told by a Junior.

Picture: Worship of the Wise Men (Hofmann).

Hymn No. 53, P. S. H.: "We Three Kings".

Leader: It was the custom of long ago for people to take gifts to their king on his birthday. They brought the best that they had. What did the Wise Men bring to Jesus? What is frankincense? Myrrh? Were these precious gifts?

III. Our Best Gifts

Discussion: We cannot carry gifts to Jesus as the Wise Men did, but we can bring Him gifts in other ways that tell of our love. What are some of the gifts we can bring to Jesus? (Discuss the gifts of substance, service and self.) Which should be given first? Which is the best gift? Read Corinthians 8:5, "But first they gave their own selves to the Lord."

Our Gift. A discussion may follow, the Juniors giving suggestions for gifts. A committee may then be appointed to decide on one or two gifts from those suggested. The following may be suggestive:

1. Plant or flowers for a shut-in; singing of carols when presenting gift.
2. Making picture booklets of the Christmas story to be sent to a mission school.
3. Sending the gift of a Christmas picture to some mission kindergarten.
4. Providing gifts for a day nursery.
5. Helping in all the church services by being prompt, singing, reading and knowing the lesson.

Story: "Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh", by Charlotte Jones, from Pilgrim Elementary Teacher, page 515, December, 1927. Or "The Little Clockmaker" in "This Way to Christmas", by Ruth Sawyer.

Hymn: "As With Gladness Men of Old", No. 48, P. S. H.—first and last verses.

Benediction

Star of the East! Show us the way
In wisdom undefiled
To seek that manger out and lay
Our gifts before the Child—
To bring our hearts and offer them
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